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"The COWARD of STEEL!"

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WILL HANDLE
THESE BANDITS!

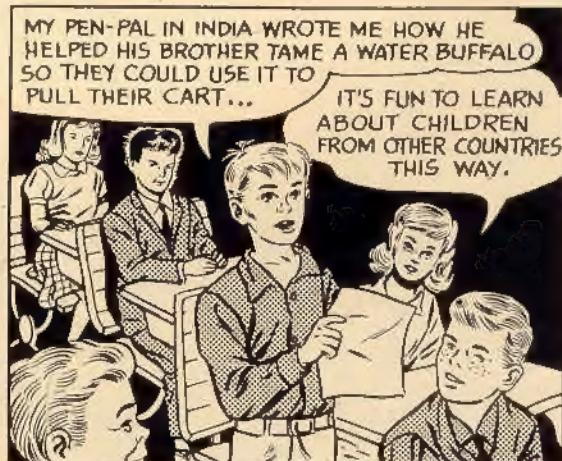
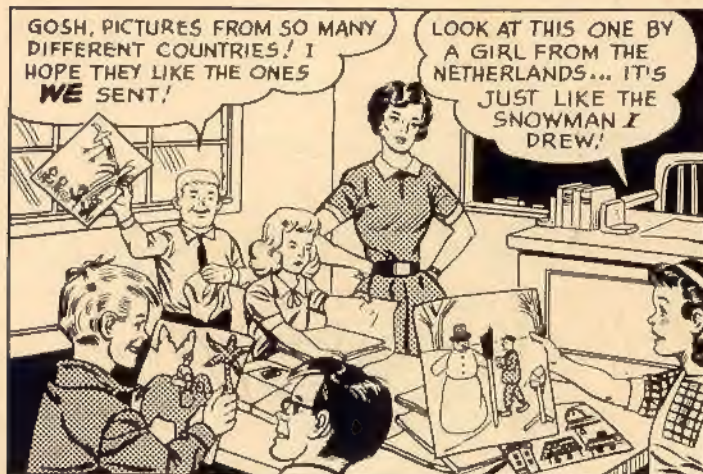
FAT CHANCE!
YOUR MIGHTY HERO
HAS BECOME A
WHIMPERING COWARD.
NOW FLY OFF,
SUPERMAN,
OR WE'LL ROUGH
YOU UP!

NO... DON'T HURT
ME... PLEASE...
I'LL DO **ANYTHING**
YOU SAY!

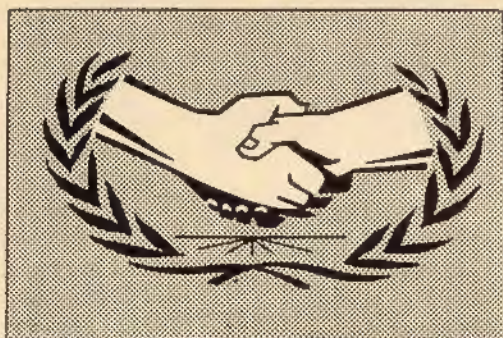
I REALLY **AM**
AFRAID, EVEN
THOUGH I STILL
POSSESS MY
SUPER-POWERS!



FRIENDS ACROSS THE SEAS



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YEAR,
CELEBRATING
THE 20th
ANNIVERSARY
of the
UNITED
NATIONS...



ASK YOUR TEACHER HOW **YOU** CAN EXCHANGE PICTURES OR BECOME A PEN-PAL WITH SOMEBODY FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY, **YOU**, TOO, CAN HAVE A FRIEND ACROSS THE SEAS!

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SUPERMAN

WE ALL KNOW THAT **SUPERMAN** HAS ALWAYS PRETENDED TO BE COWARDLY AS **CLARK KENT**! AH, BUT THIS TIME HE *ISN'T* PRETENDING! THOUGH HE STILL HAS ALL HIS SUPER-POWERS, INCLUDING INVULNERABILITY, **CLARK KENT** SUDDENLY BECOMES A CRINGING COWARD, YET REMAINS BRAVE IN HIS **SUPERMAN** IDENTITY! SEE WHAT STRANGE PHENOMENON CHANGES THE MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE UNIVERSE INTO...

The COWARD of STEEL!

THIS IS CLARK KENT, FRIGHTENED BY AN ATTACKING LION!



THIS IS CLARK KENT, FLEEING FROM A PREHISTORIC PTERODACTYL!



AND THIS IS THE SAME CLARK KENT, IN HIS **SUPERMAN** IDENTITY, FEARLESSLY STOPPING AN EXPLODING BOMB WITH HIS INVULNERABLE BODY!

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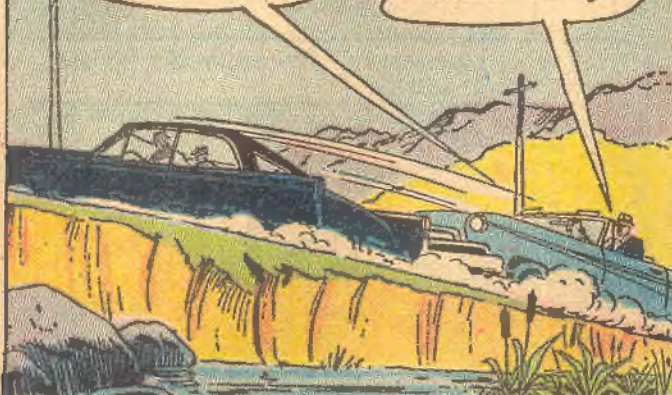
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ONE DAY, AS CLARK KENT AND LOIS LANE ARE TAKING A DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY...

?? THAT CAR IS CUTTING US OFF, DELIBERATELY!

WE'RE IN TROUBLE! I RECOGNIZE THOSE MEN! THEY'RE SOME OF THE "PURPLE MOB'S" TOUGHEST ENFORCERS!



I'D BETTER PRETEND FEARFULNESS, SO NO ONE WILL SUSPECT THAT "MEEK" MILD CLARK KENT IS SECRETLY SUPERMAN! I'LL TRIP AND YELL FOR MERCY TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD!

OoooooLPH!



PLEASE DON'T HURT ME! I NEVER DID ANYTHING TO YOU! LEAVE ME ALONE!

GET UP AND ACT LIKE A MAN, CLARK! DON'T LET THESE CHEAP HOODS INTIMIDATE YOU!



AT THAT MOMENT, AS A SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD SPACECRAFT HOVERS OVER OUR PLANET...

NICE ACTING, KENT! BUT ONCE THIS COWARDICE RAY STRIKES YOU, YOUR YELLOW STREAK WILL BE FOR REAL!



AN INSTANT AFTERWARD, ON EARTH...

?? I'M SUDDENLY DIZZY! EVERYTHING'S WHIRLING AROUND! I'M... BLACKING OUT!



AND AS CLARK'S SENSES CLEAR, SECONDS LATER...

I MUST GET AWAY, BEFORE THOSE GANGSTERS DO SOMETHING AWFUL TO ME! I C-CAN'T STAND PAIN! HELP! HELP!

?-- I'M NOT JUST PRETENDING ANY MORE! I-I'M SCARED STIFF!

YOU'RE DISGUSTING, CLARK!

IF I EVER THOUGHT THAT SPECIMEN WAS SUPERMAN, I TAKE IT BACK!



WITHIN THE REVENGE SQUAD CRAFT...

HA, HA! THE COWARDICE PROJECTOR IS BUILT FROM MACHINERY STOLEN FROM KRYPTON BEFORE THAT PLANET EXPLODED, GARZ! THAT'S WHY IT WORKS ON PEOPLE FROM KRYPTON!

KENT'S TERROR IS HILARIOUS, TROK!

BUT WE'LL HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER LAUGH WHEN KENT CHANGES INTO A...COWARDLY SUPERMAN!

SUPERMAN'S CRUSADING CAREER WILL END WHEN HE DISCOVERS HE HAS BECOME SUPER-CRAVEN! THEN IT'LL BE A BREEZE FOR US TO DESTROY HIM COMPLETELY!

MEANWHILE, OUT OF SIGHT OF LOIS AND THE CROOKS, CLARK STREAKS OFF AT SUPER-SPEED, SWITCHING IDENTITIES WHILE IN FLIGHT...

LOIS COULD CERTAINLY USE SOME HELP, FOR AT THAT MOMENT...

YOU HAD FUN WRITING THEM ARTICLES EXPOSING OUR MOB, BABE. NOW WE'LL EXPOSE YOU-- TO A BOMB! HERE! HAVE SOME "PINEAPPLE" FOR DESSERT.

GREAT GUNS! WHAT GOT INTO ME? I WAS YELLOW CLEAR THROUGH WHEN I WORE MY CLARK KENT CLOTHES! I'D BETTER RETURN AND SEE IF LOIS NEEDS HELP!

NO! DON'T!

THEN, SUDDENLY...

MIND IF I HELP MYSELF TO THAT DESSERT? TCH, TCH! I TOOK ALL OF IT MYSELF!

THANK HEAVEN, SUPERMAN ARRIVED IN TIME! HE'S SHIELDING ME FROM THE BOMB FRAGMENTS WITH HIS INVULNERABLE FORM!

INTO THE CREEK, DRIPS! YOU DESERVE MORE-- BUT I'LL LET YOU OFF EASY THIS TIME! --GET OUT OF TOWN AND STAY OUT!

YIIIIII! I W-WON'T NEVER COME BACK!

BWANN

IN OUTER SPACE...

BAH! THE RAY MALFUNCTIONED!
IT AFFECTED ONLY THE "CLARK
KENT IDENTITY" PART OF HIS
BRAIN! HE'S STILL BRAVE
AS SUPERMAN!

WE'LL HAVE TO
RETURN TO OUR HOME
WORLD TO FIX THE RAY
DEVICE! THEN WE'LL
MAKE SUPERMAN
COWARDLY WHEN WE
RETURN!

MEANWHILE...

YOU'RE LUCKY I SAW YOUR
DANGER IN TIME TO BE
HELPFUL, LOIS! LET'S
HOPE IT'S ALWAYS THAT
WAY! SO LONG, FOR NOW!

GOODBYE, SUPERMAN.
THANKS FOR SAVING
MY LIFE!

WHAT A DREAM
MAN! HE'S
TERRIFIC!

BUT AFTER SUPERMAN FLIES OUT OF SIGHT,
HE DOUBLES BACK INTO THE WOODS...

NOW TO CHANGE BACK TO CLARK
KENT AGAIN! GOSH, WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME? I'VE
PRETENDED TO BE A
COWARDLY CLARK KENT
MANY TIMES, BUT THIS
TIME I WAS REALLY
YELLOW! I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND IT!

CLARK RETURNS TO THE CAR...AND AN ANGRY LOIS!

OH, SO YOU'RE SHOWING YOUR
FACE AGAIN, NOW THAT THE
DANGER IS OVER! CLARK KENT,
A RABBIT HAS MORE BACK-
BONE THAN YOU! SOMETIMES
YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE
HUMAN RACE!

PLEASE FORGIVE
ME, LOIS! I
PANICKED...

PRESENTLY, OUTSIDE LOIS' APARTMENT...

I GUESS SOME PEOPLE
HAVE COURAGE, AND OTHERS
DON'T! GOOD NIGHT, YOU
SPINELESS JELLYFISH!

HARSH WORDS...
BUT FOR ONCE I
DESERVE THEM!
I'D BETTER FIND

OUT IF I'M STILL
CHICKEN AS CLARK
KENT!

LATER, AT A DESERTED ZOO...

WHAT GREATER
TEST FOR COURAGE COULD THERE BE THAN
TO ENTER A LION'S CAGE? THERE, I
SNAPPED THE LOCK OPEN EASILY. STRANGE...
THOUGH I'M SUPER-POWERFUL AND
INVULNERABLE, M-MY HEART IS STARTING
TO POUND AND--AND I'M SUDDENLY
PERSPIRING--! USUALLY, I CAN'T
PERSPIRE!

AS SEEN ON YOUR TV SCREEN!

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NEXT MOMENT, IN THE CAGE...

THE LION SEES ME! HE'S CROUCHING FOR THE SPRING! THIS IS CRAZY! S-SUDDENLY, I'M SO SCARED, MY KNEES ARE TREMBLING! I'M BLACKING OUT!



AS HE REVIVES, SECONDS LATER...

IT'S ON ME! IT'S TRYING TO BITE ME! EE-EEEEAAH! IT LOOKS SO TERRIFYING! I'M AFRAID--AFRAID!

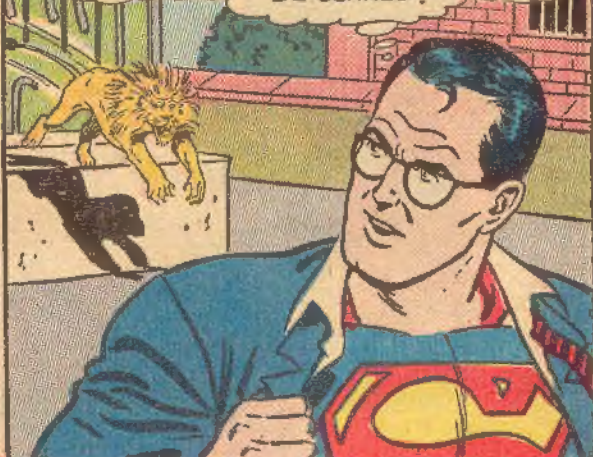


OUT THROUGH THE CAGE'S BARS CRASHES THE SUPER-POWERFUL, BUT CRAVEN, CLARK...



BUT...

THE LION GOT OUT, BECAUSE OF ME! IT MIGHT KILL SOMEONE! TH-THOUGH I'M AFRAID TO FACE IT AGAIN, I'LL CHANGE TO **SUPERMAN**, WHO WON'T BE SCARED!



AND AS CLARK SWITCHES TO THE COLORFUL COSTUME OF THE MAN OF STEEL...

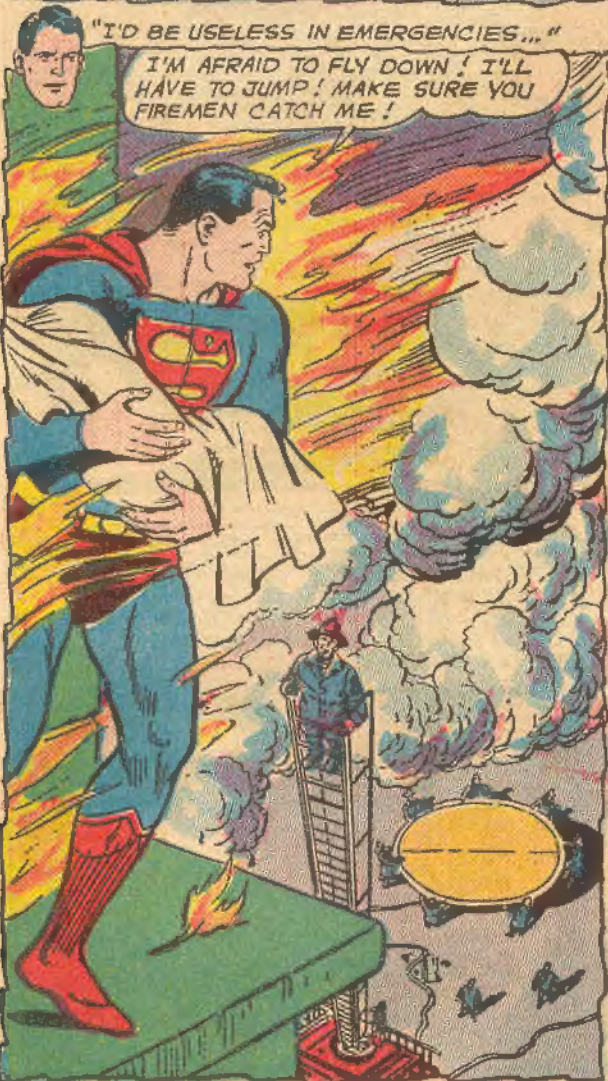
BACK INTO YOUR CAGE, KITTY!

NOW TO FIX THE BROKEN BARS AND THAT LOOK! THIS IS RIDICULOUS! IF I LOST MY SUPER-POWERS ONLY WHEN I WAS CLARK KENT, THEN THERE MIGHT BE SOME SANE REASON FOR MY BEING FEARFUL OF DANGER! BUT I'M **INVULNERABLE!**



HMM... I KNOW CLARK'S COWARDICE ISN'T DUE TO THE EFFECT OF SOMB RED K, BECAUSE I DIDN'T FEEL THE CUSTOMARY TRINGLING SENSATION THAT PRECEDES **RED KRYPTONITE** EFFECTS! AND **MR. MXYZPTLK** CAN'T BE RESPONSIBLE. HE'S IN THE 5TH DIMENSION AND CAN'T RETURN FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS!





NEXT DAY, CLARK AND JIMMY ARE RETURNING FROM AN ASSIGNMENT IN THE PLANET HELICOPTER, WHEN...

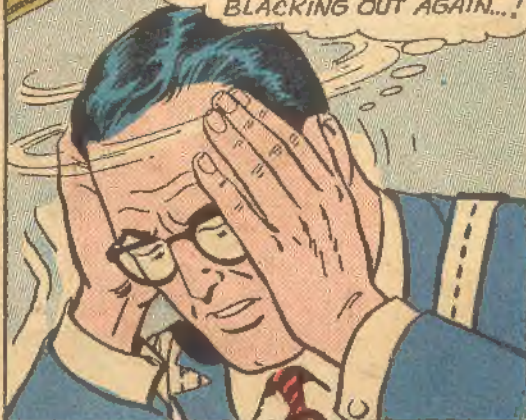
OH-OH! ENGINE TROUBLE!
WE'RE STARTING TO FALL!
I'M GOING TO PARACHUTE-
JUMP. YOU DO THE SAME,
CLARK!

GULP!



AND AS THE STRICKEN CRAFT HURTTLES DOWNWARD...

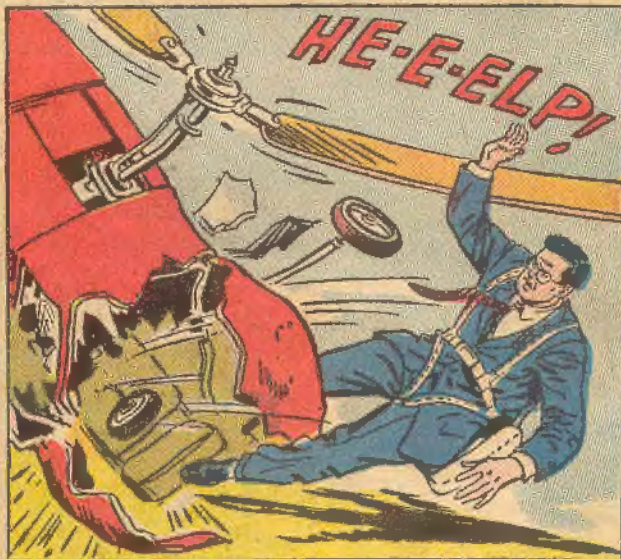
I SH-**SHOULD** JUMP, TOO,
BUT I'M TOO SCARED TO
MOVE! GULP! I'M B-
BLACKING OUT AGAIN...!



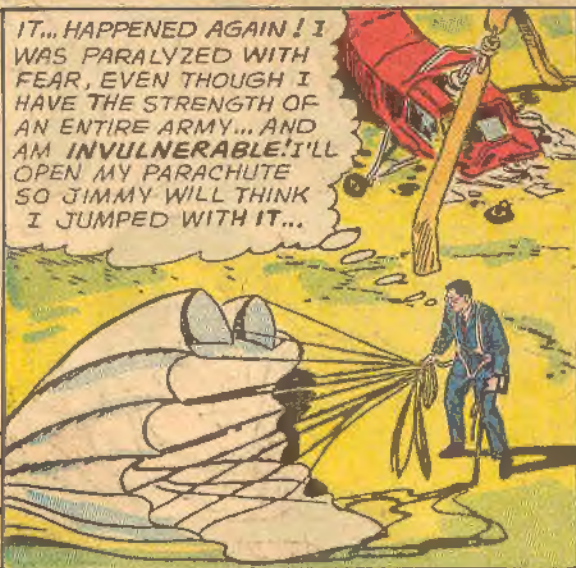
SECONDS LATER, CLARK REVIVES...

AWP!-- THE GROUND IS RUSHING
UP AT ME! I'M GOING TO CRASH!
I'M SCARED... SCARED!

YEEOWWW!!



IT... HAPPENED AGAIN! I
WAS PARALYZED WITH
FEAR, EVEN THOUGH I
HAVE THE STRENGTH OF
AN ENTIRE ARMY... AND
AM INVULNERABLE! I'LL
OPEN MY PARACHUTE
SO JIMMY WILL THINK
I JUMPED WITH IT...



WHEN JIMMY FINDS CLARK...

THAT SURE WAS A CLOSE
CALL! IF NOT FOR OUR
PARACHUTES, WE'D HAVE
BEEN DEAD DUCKS! WE'LL
WALK TO THE NEARBY
TOWN.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE
I CAN BE SO COWARD-
LY! I-I HAVE TO
MAKE ONE FINAL
TEST!



THAT EVENING, A COSTUMED FORM HURTTLES AT SUPER-SPEED INTO THE TIME-BARRIER...

BACK... BACK TO A TIME-ERA WHEN NO MAN EXISTED ON EARTH...!

AND AS THE MAN OF STEEL EMERGES INTO PRIMEVAL TIMES...

IF I CHICKEN OUT, AT LEAST HUMAN EYES WON'T WITNESS MY HUMILIATION! HERE COMES COMPANY...AND IT LOOKS HUNGRY!

THIS WILL TEACH YOU NOT TO FOOL AROUND WITH SOMEONE SMALLER THAN YOU! TYRANNOSAURUS REX, OL' KID, DIDN'T YOUR MAMA TEACH YOU ANY MANNERS?

NOW TO CHANGE TO... CLARK KENT! I'LL MAKE A SUPREME EFFORT TO PREVENT A YELLOW STREAK FROM TAKING OVER, IF ANY OTHER PREHISTORIC MONSTER TRY TO MAKE A MORSEL OUT OF ME!

BUT HIS MANLY RESOLVE DISSOLVES INTO QUIVERING TERROR, AS...

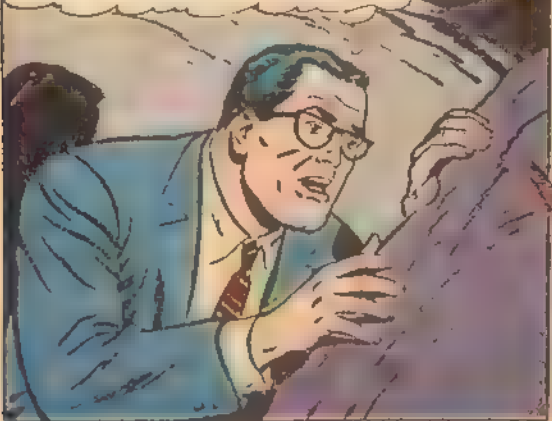
YIII-III!

A PTERODACTYL! IT'S SIGHTED ME! IT'S SWOOPING DOWN TO GRASP ME WITH ITS AWFUL TALONS! -ZULP! I'M BLACKING OUT!

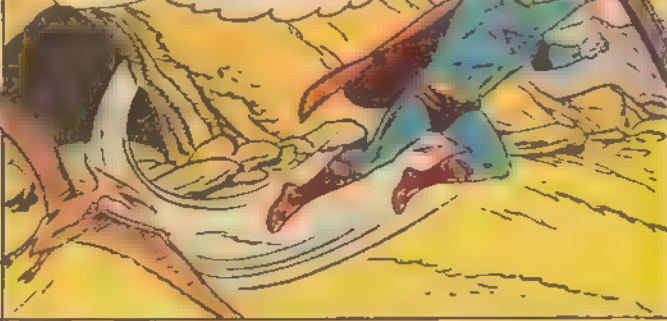
A MOMENT AFTERWARD, AS CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO CLARK...

THE CAVE! G-GOT TO MAKE IT...! WHEW! I DID... AND BARELY IN TIME!

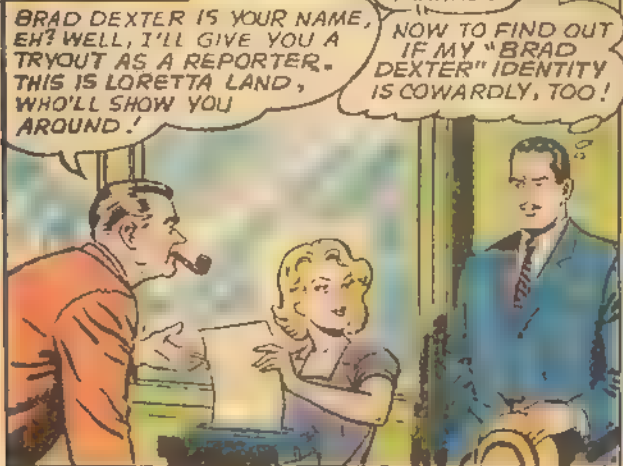
THAT TERRIBLE THING IS LURKING OUTSIDE, W-WAITING TO POUNCE IF I VENTURE OUT! I HAVE TO GET AWAY, BEFORE I DIE FROM FRIGHT! I KNOW! I'LL CHANGE BACK TO **SUPERMAN**, AND...



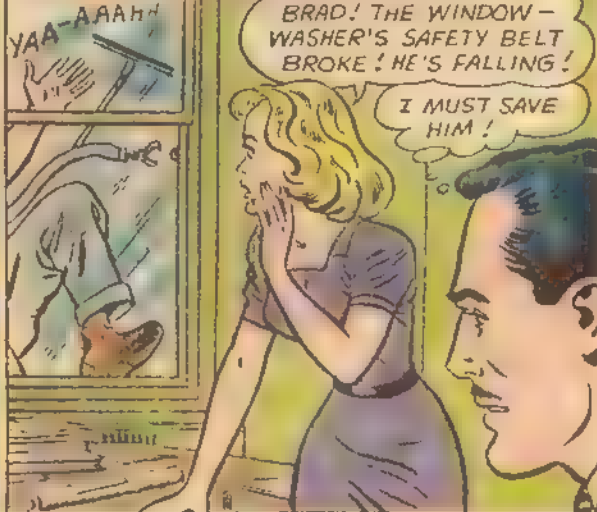
UP... INTO THE TIME-BARRIER!!; CHOKE! I MUST FACE IT! KEEPING MY COWARDLY CLARK KENT IDENTITY WOULD CRIPPLE MY CAREER! I'D OPERATE SOLELY AS **SUPERMAN**, BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO HAVING A SECRET ALTER-EGO! CLARK HAS A VACATION COMING, SO I'LL USE IT TO TRY A NEW IDENTITY!



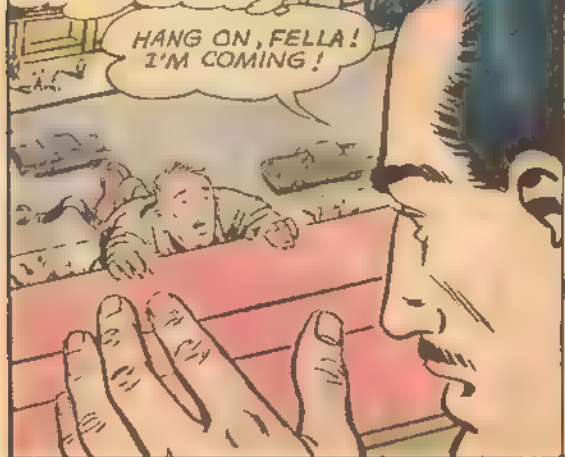
BACK IN THE PRESENT, **SUPERMAN** DONS A FALSE MUSTACHE AND GOES TO A NEWSPAPER OFFICE IN CHICAGO...



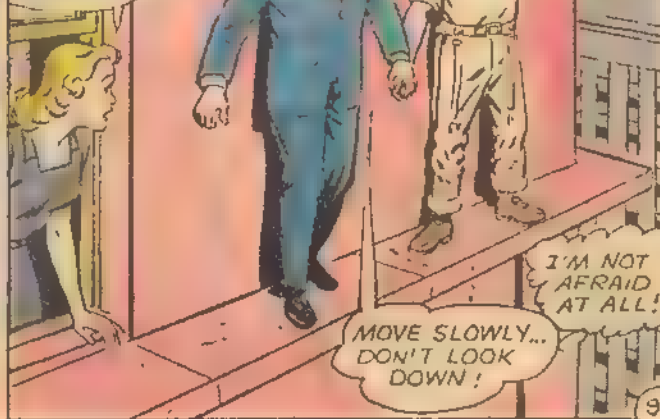
"BRAD" SOON GETS HIS CHANCE...



HE CAUGHT ONTO THE LEDGE! I'LL SOON KNOW IF "BRAD DEXTER" MY NEW IDENTITY, IS FREE OF CLARK KENT'S COWARDICE!



LOOK! BRAD HELPED HIM JP ONTO THE LEDGE, AND NOW HE'S LEADING HIM BACK TO SAFETY!



SOON...

OH, BRAD! YOU'RE THE BRAVEST MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN!

THANKS, LORETTA!

SOME CONTRAST! LOIS WAS CONTEMPTUOUS OF ME WHEN I WAS CLARK! YET LORETTA THINKS I'M TOPS! BUT WILL THIS COURAGE CONTINUE IN MY NEW IDENTITY?

A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN BRAD AND LORETTA ARE RETURNING FROM LUNCH...

GASP! THAT BLIND MAN IS WALKING INTO THE PATH OF A SPEEDSTER WHO'S FLEEING FROM A PURSUING POLICE CAR!

ANOTHER EMERGENCY--

SORRY I HAVE TO JAR YOU LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S NECESSARY!

I'VE LEARNED WHAT I INTENDED TO FIND OUT! I'M COWARDLY ONLY AS CLARK KENT! NOW I'M MORE PUZZLED THAN EVER! WILL I HAVE TO GIVE UP MY CLARK IDENTITY FOR GOOD, AND BE BRAD DEXTER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?

AGAIN YOU'VE SAVED SOMEONE IN DANGER, BRAD!

LATER, AS SUPERMAN FLIES TOWARD HIS ARTIC SANCTUM...

I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING THAT MAY END THE COWARDICE OF CLARK KENT!--ONCE, WHILE VISITING THE DISTANT FUTURE, SUPERGIRL FOUGHT EVILO, ONE OF THE WICKEDEST VILLAINS OF ALL TIME!

"SHE FACED AN UNEQUAL SHOWDOWN..."

EVIL0, YOU FIENDISH MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC-- YOU'VE TRANSFORMED PEACEFUL HUMANS INTO MONSTER-SLAVES! RESTORE THEM TO NORMALCY, OR...

YOU DARE TO SPEAK THIS WAY TO MIGHTY EVILO? YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, RASH SUPERGIRL!-- HEAR THIS DREAD CHANT-- RAZOGOG--MAMMONI--QMA-OMA!

The Magazine *YOU*
Asked For!



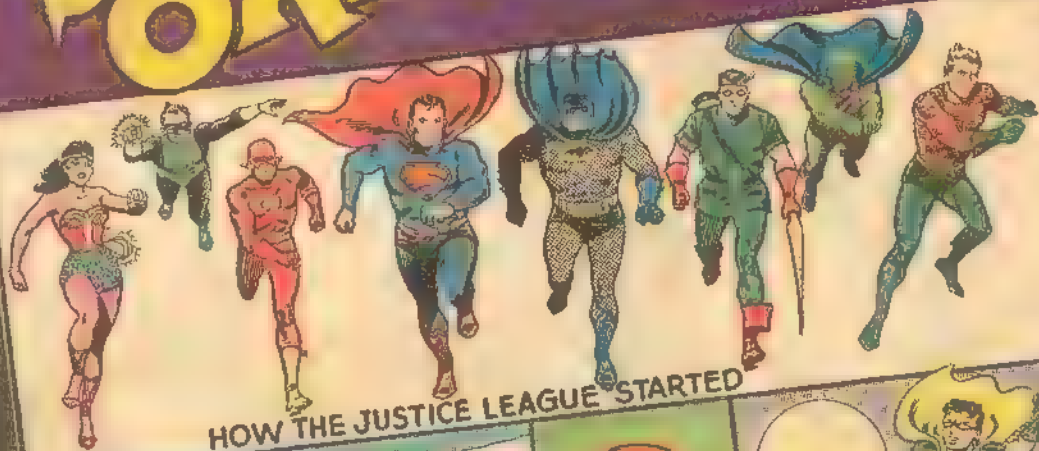
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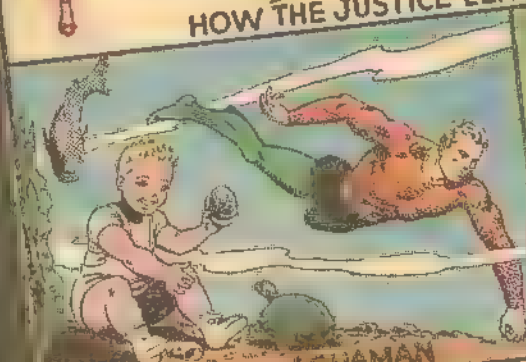
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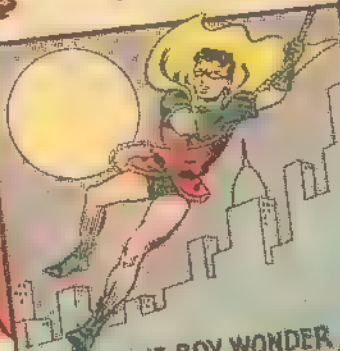
HOW THE JUSTICE LEAGUE STARTED



AQUABABY to AQUAMAN

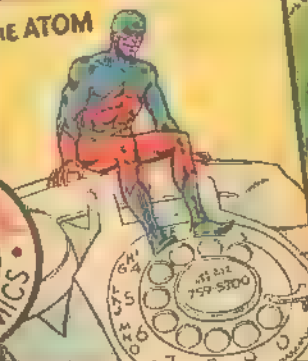


THE FLASH'S
MASKED IDENTITY



ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

THE ATOM



SUPERBABY to SUPERBOY to SUPERMAN

ON SALE JAN. 14th



BEHOLD THY TRANSFORMED
SELF IN VON MIRROR!
HEE, HEE!

OH, NO... NO! YOU'VE
MADE ME **HIDEOUS!**

HOW FRIGHTENING!
I MUST FLEE BEFORE
HE DESTROYS ME!

*BUT SHORTLY AFTER **SUPERGIRL** FLEW OFF
IN PANIC, SHE EXPERIENCED A TINGLING
SENSATION...

!GASP! THAT TINGLING
MEANS I'M BEING
AFFECTED BY **RED
KRYPTONITE**, AND THIS
TIME IT'S MADE ME
SUPER-BRAVE!

*SHE STREAKED BACK AND SEIZED **EVIL**...

SOON WE'LL REACH OUTER SPACE!
QUICK! REMOVE YOUR SPELL FROM
EVERYONE, OR DIE IN THE
AIRLESS VOID!

SPELL... BE
CANCELLED!
MZUBRRUMB!!

SUPERGIRL AND THE OTHERS WERE
RESTORED TO THEIR NORMAL FORMS--
AND **EVIL** WAS **PSYKO**-CURED OF HIS
VILLAINY BY THE SCIENCE OF THAT
ERA! THEN **SUPERGIRL** BROUGHT THE
RED K WHICH GAVE HER SUPER-
COURAGE BACK THROUGH THE TIME-
BARRIER, AND DEPOSITED IT HERE IN
MY **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!**

THE **MAN OF STEEL** OPENS THE **LEAD BOX**
CONTAINING THE **RED K**... NOW TO EXPOSE
MYSELF TO THE RADIATION OF THAT COURAGE-
IMPARTING **RED KRYPTONITE**, WHICH
AFFECTS ALL PEOPLE FROM **KRYPTON** THE
SAME WAY! PERHAPS IT'LL AID COWARDLY
CLARK KENT, AS IT HELPED **SUPERGIRL**!

BATTLE ME, ROBOTS,
AFTER I SWITCH TO
CLARK KENT!

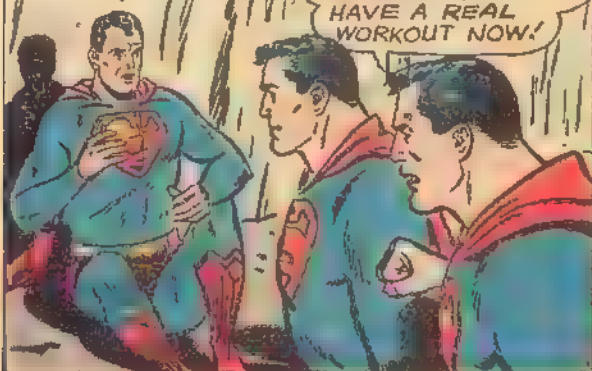
THEN, AFTER THE TRANSFORMATION IN IDENTITY...

OH-HH--I'M B-BLACKING
OUT! DESPITE THE **RED K**,
I'M F-FEARFUL AGAIN!

WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY AM I WEARING
MY **SUPERMAN**
COSTUME INSTEAD
OF MY CLARK
KENT CLOTHES?

WE COULDN'T BEAR TO
SEE YOU ACTING
COWARDLY, SO WE
CHANGED YOUR CLOTHES
TO BRING YOU OUT OF IT!

IF YOU STILL WANT TO
BATTLE US, WE CAN
HAVE A REAL
WORKOUT NOW!

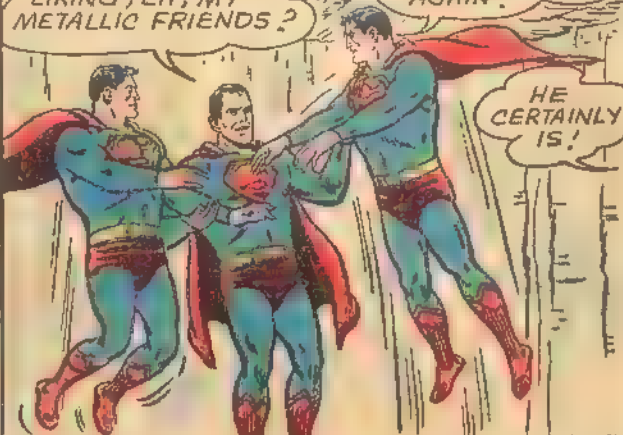


AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** OBLIGES HIS ROBOTS
WITH A BRIEF TUSSE...

THIS IS MORE TO YOUR
LIKING, EH, MY
METALLIC FRIENDS?

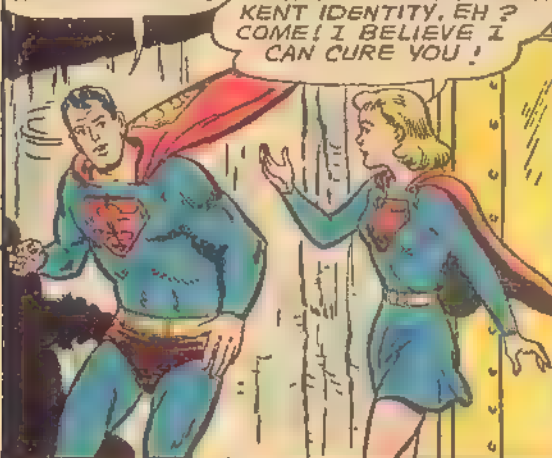
OUR MASTER IS
HIS BRAVE SELF
AGAIN!

HE
CERTAINLY
IS!



SUPERGIRL!?
I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE IN
THE NEXT ROOM!

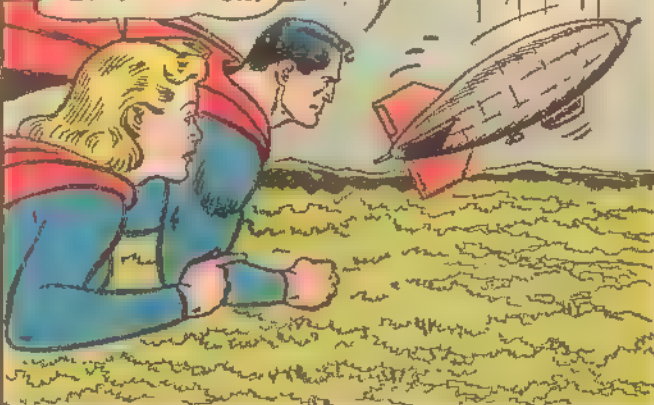
I GOT BACK FROM SPACE
A LITTLE WHILE AGO!
SO YOU'RE A GENUINE
COWARD IN YOUR CLARK
KENT IDENTITY, EH?
COME! I BELIEVE I
CAN CURE YOU!



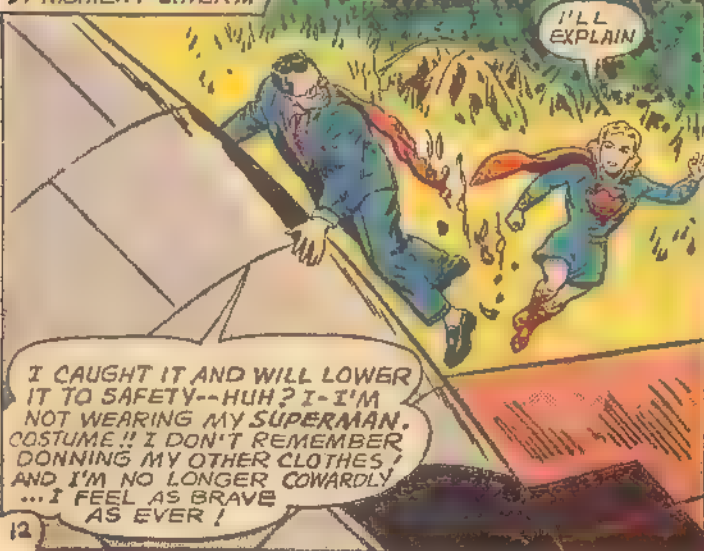
SHORTLY, OVER AN AFRICAN JUNGLE...

LOOK, **SUPERMAN**. THAT
SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION'S
DIRIGIBLE IS FALLING!
ITS PASSENGERS WILL
DIE, UNLESS...

I'LL
SAVE
THEM!



A MOMENT LATER...

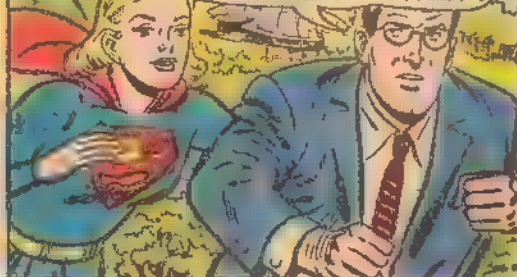


I'LL
EXPLAIN

I CAUGHT IT AND WILL LOWER
IT TO SAFETY--HUH? I-I'M
NOT WEARING MY **SUPERMAN**.
COSTUME!! I DON'T REMEMBER
DONNING MY OTHER CLOTHES!
AND I'M NO LONGER COWARDLY
...I FEEL AS BRAVE
AS EVER!

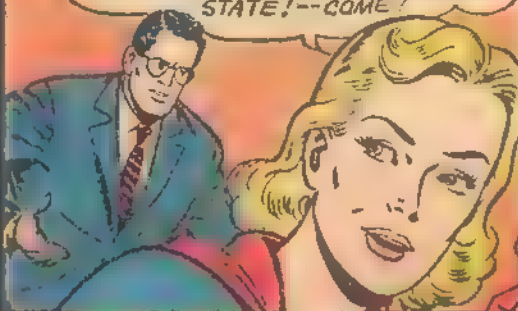
WHEN YOU BLACKED OUT MOMENTARILY IN
THE FORTRESS, I STEPPED OUT OF THAT
ROOM LONG ENOUGH TO INSTRUCT THE
ROBOTS TO PUT A SPARE COSTUME--ONE
THAT WASN'T INVULNERABLE--OVER
YOUR CLARK CLOTHES!

AND WHEN I
STREAKED TOWARD THE DIRIGIBLE,
AIR FRICTION DESTROYED IT.
UNNOTICED BY ME! OF
COURSE, MY CLARK KENT CLOTHES
ARE TREATED TO MAKE
THEM FRICTION-PROOF!



I'LL BET YOU MANEUVERED IT SO I WOULD GO TO THE RESCUE OF THE DIRIGIBLE! AND YOU SLIPPED THESE GLASSES ON ME, TOO, WHILE I WAS DOING IT!

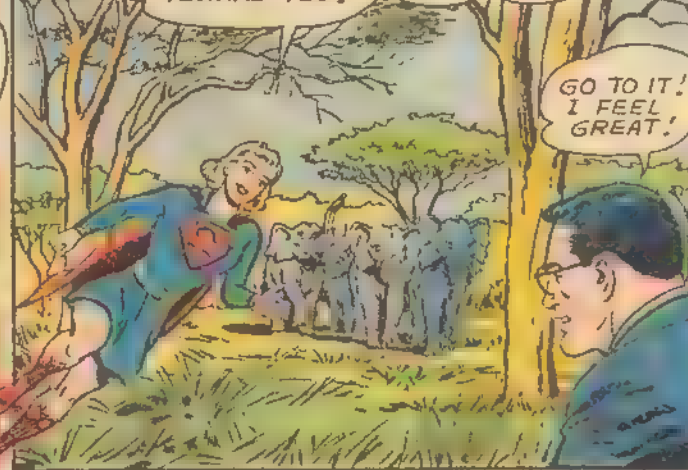
YES! I PROPELLED THE AIRSHIP DOWNWARD SECRETLY, WITH A PUFF OF SUPER-BREATH! I FELT THAT IF YOU DID A BRAVE DEED IN YOUR OTHER IDENTITY, IT WOULD SNAP YOU OUT OF THAT COWARDLY STATE! -- COME!



SOON...

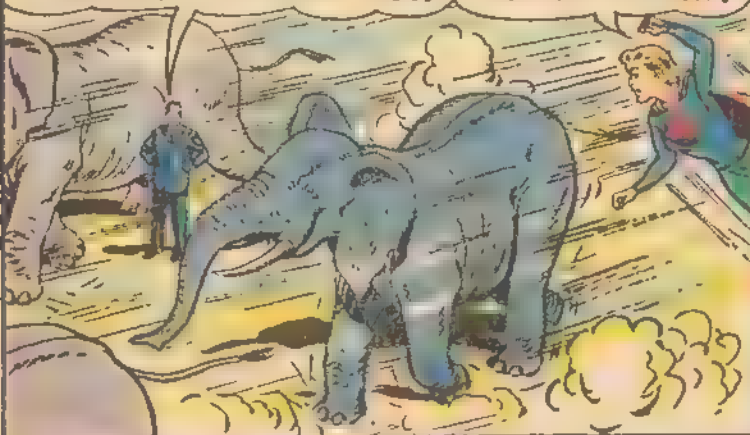
NOW LET'S TEST TO SEE IF YOU'RE CURED PERMANENTLY! I'LL STUNT-FLY AROUND THAT ELEPHANT HERD SO IT'LL STAMPEDE TOWARD YOU!

GO TO IT! I FEEL GREAT!



HA, HA! I'M AS STEADY AS THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR! THANKS, SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE CURED ME! BUT I WONDER WHAT MADE ME FEARFUL AS CLARK KENT, IN THE FIRST PLACE?

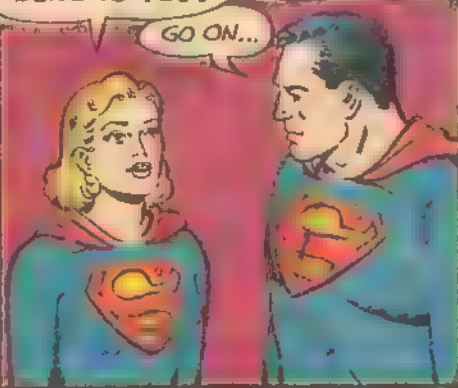
SWITCH TO YOUR SUPERMAN COSTUME AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!



MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

WHILE I WAS RETURNING TO EARTH FROM MY SPACE MISSION, I SAW A SUPERMAN REVENGE SQUAD CRAFT IN SPACE. EAVESDROPPING UNSEEN, I LEARNED WHAT THEY'D DONE TO YOU!

GO ON...



AND AS SUPERGIRL FINISHES HER TALE...

SO THEY'RE RETURNING SOON TO FINISH THE JOB ON ME THAT THEY BUNGLED, EH?

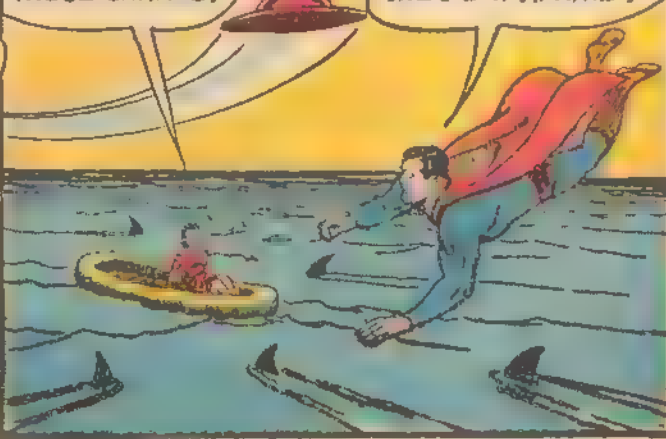
I'VE AN IDEA HOW WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN AT THEIR EXPENSE AND MAKE THEM PAY FOR THE MISERY THEY CAUSED YOU! FIRST, I'LL GET A RUBBER RAFT, THEN SWITCH TO MY LINDA DANVERS IDENTITY--



SHORTLY, WHEN THE REVENGE SQUAD CRAFT RETURNS.

HELP, SUPERMAN! SAVE ME FROM THOSE SHARKS!

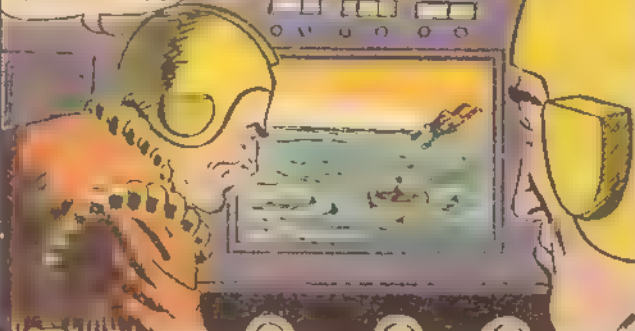
NO! I... DON'T DARE! THOSE SHARKS S-SCARE ME! I'M AFRAID!



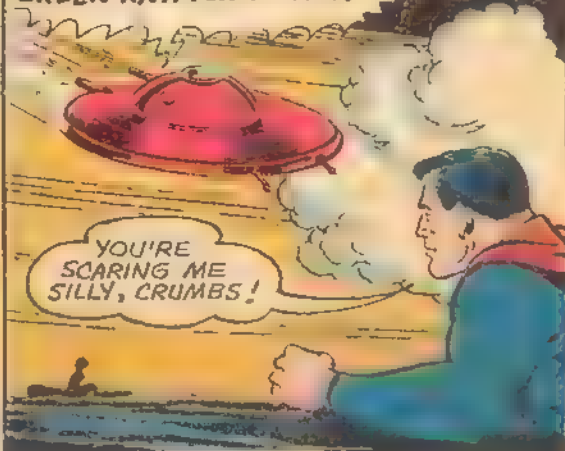
WITHIN THE SPACE VESSEL...

HA, HA! MIGHTY **SUPERMAN** IS AFRAID OF MERF SHARKS! EVIDENTLY THE COWARDICE RAY TOOK FULL EFFECT LATELY, SO THAT **SUPERMAN**, AS WELL AS CLARK KENT, IS COWARDLY!

LET'S MAKE HIM SQUIRM, BEFORE DESTROYING HIM!



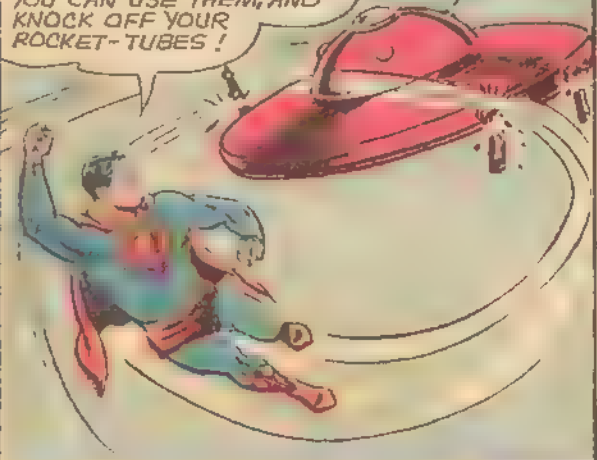
HERE'S AN EVEN WORSE FRIGHT FOR YOU, **SUPERMAN**! WE ARE ABOUT TO KILL YOU WITH A **GREEN KRYPTONITE RAY!**



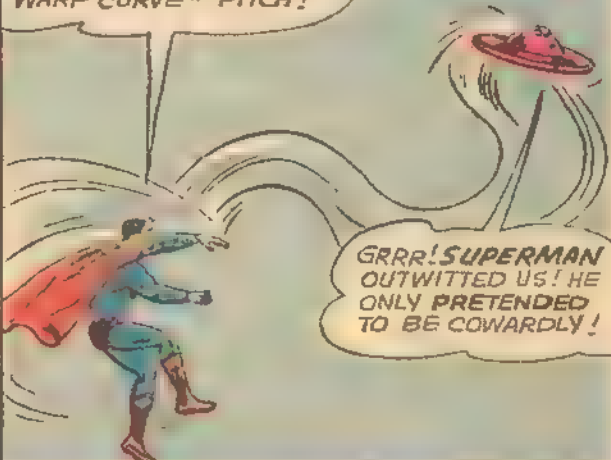
YOU'RE SCARING ME SILLY, CRUMBS!

NOW TO SCARE YOU!--FIRST I'LL SMASH APART YOUR RAY-PROJECTORS BEFORE YOU CAN USE THEM, AND KNOCK OFF YOUR ROCKET-TUBES!

YIIIIII!



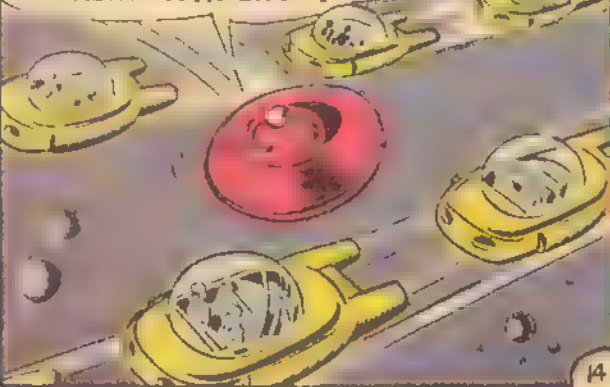
THEN OFF YOU GO, TO A FAR-DISTANT GALAXY! I CALL THIS MY "SPACE-WARP CURVE" PITCH!



GRRR! **SUPERMAN** OUTWITTED US! HE ONLY PRETENDED TO BE COWARDLY!

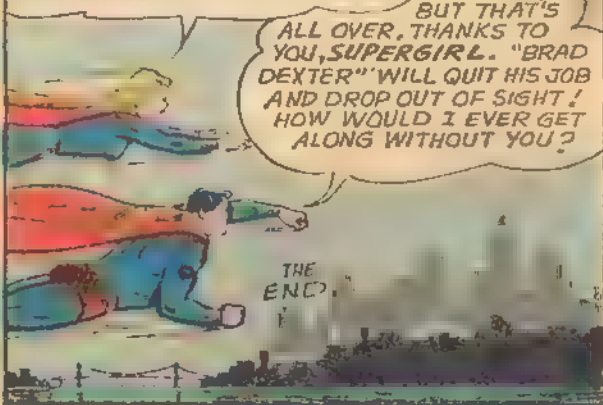
PRESENTLY, MANY LIGHT-YEARS AWAY...

"MOAN!" - **SUPERMAN** LOSSED OUR SHIP RIGHT INTO THE CENTER OF A SPACE POLICE ROCKET-SHIP PARADE! OUR OUTLAW VESSEL WILL BE RECOGNIZED IMMEDIATELY. WE'D BETTER SURRENDER AT ONCE!



ON EARTH, AS LINDA CHANGES BACK TO **SUPERGIRL**...

AND NOW, BACK TO **METROPOLIS**--WHERE YOU CAN ONCE MORE PRETEND YOU'RE A COWARDLY CLARK KENT, TO COVER UP YOUR SECRET IDENTITY OF **SUPERMAN**!--IMAGINE! FOR A WHILE, YOU WERE REALLY COWARDLY, AS CLARK!



BUT THAT'S ALL OVER, THANKS TO YOU, **SUPERGIRL**. "BRAD DEXTER" WILL QUIT HIS JOB AND DROP OUT OF SIGHT! HOW WOULD I EVER GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU?

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SUPERGIRL

IMAGINE THAT! A WORLD POPULATED ONLY BY GIRLS! WHAT'S MORE, THEY ALL IDOLIZE ME! THE WHOLE PLANET IS MY FAN CLUB! YES, FEMINAX IS ONE SURPRISE AFTER ANOTHER!

AND THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF ALL IS YET TO COME! YOU'LL NEVER GET OVER IT, **SUPERGIRL.**

WELCOME, **SUPERGIRL**

WELCOME TO **FEMINAX**

LONG LIVE OUR **HEROINE**

AS THE MIGHTIEST GIRL IN THE UNIVERSE, **SUPERGIRL** IS THE IDOL OF MILLIONS. THROUGHOUT THE GALAXIES SHE IS GREETED WITH OPEN ARMS. BUT THE GIRLS OF FEMINAX HAVE PREPARED THE MOST ASTONISHING WELCOME OF THEM ALL! NO, **SUPERGIRL** WILL NEVER FORGET HER SPINE-CHILLING VISIT TO...

The
PLANET OF OUTCASTS!

ONE DAY, AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS GLANCES THROUGH THE CLASSROOM WINDOW...

STRANGE! THERE'S NO BREEZE OUTSIDE, YET THAT TREE SEEMS TO BE MOVING. **YULP!** THAT BRANCH... IT'S GROWING BEFORE MY VERY EYES! IT'S MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION.

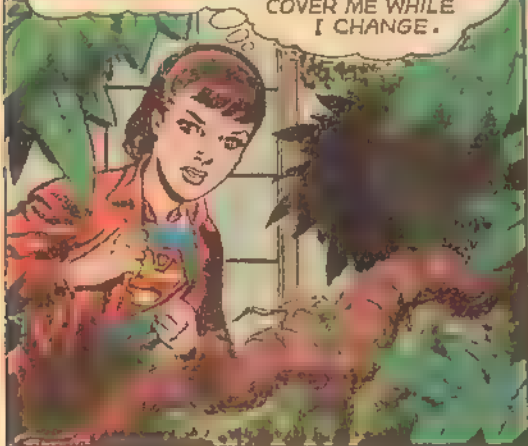
AS THE STARTLED CLASS WATCHES...

YIII! THAT TREE LIMB... IT RAMMED ITS WAY THROUGH THE WINDOW! IT'S GROWING... EXPANDING!

INCREDIBLE! THAT BOUGH IS SPROUTING TWIGS AND BRANCHES LIKE MAD. IT WILL OVERRUN THE ROOM IN SECONDS...

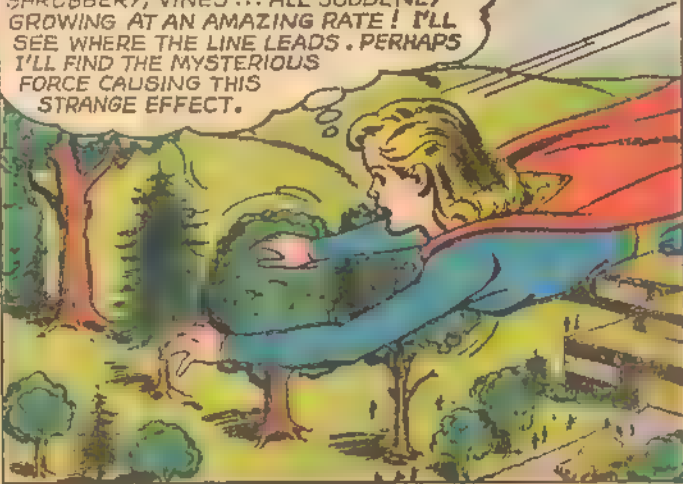
AS THE LEAVES ENGLUF THE CLASSROOM...

WHAT A FANTASTIC PHENOMENON! I'D BETTER SWITCH TO **SUPergirl** AND INVESTIGATE! THESE LEAVES WILL COVER ME WHILE I CHANGE.



SWOOPING OVER THE CAMPUS, **SUPergirl** DISCOVERS...

GREAT GALAXIES! A LINE OF TREES, SHRUBBERY, VINES... ALL SUDDENLY GROWING AT AN AMAZING RATE! I'LL SEE WHERE THE LINE LEADS. PERHAPS I'LL FIND THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE CAUSING THIS STRANGE EFFECT.



ON A NEARBY HILL...

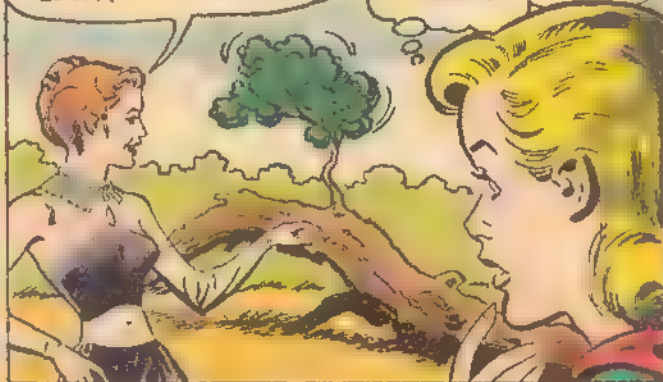
SUPergirl! HOW WONDERFUL TO MEET YOU! WE'VE COME ALL THE WAY FROM A DISTANT GALAXY TO FIND YOU! IT'S THE GREATEST MOMENT OF OUR LIVES.

WAS IT YOU WHO CAUSED ALL THOSE PLANTS TO MUSHROOM SO FANTASTICALLY?



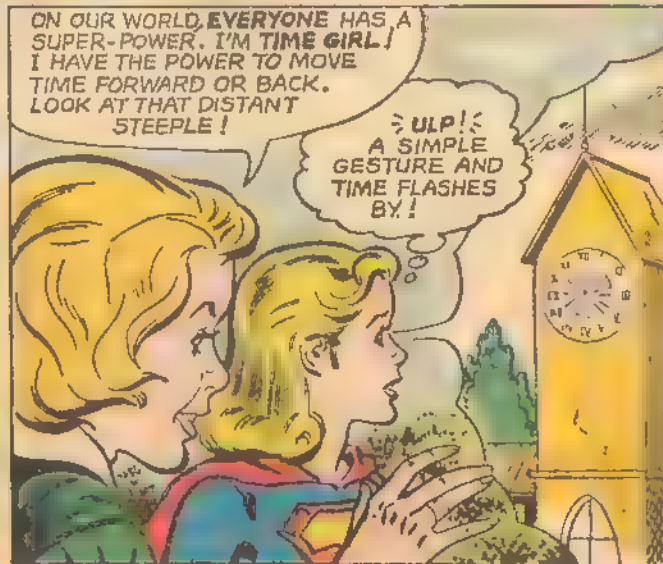
YES, I DID THAT TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION. I'M **PLANT GIRL**! I HAVE THE POWER TO CAUSE PLANTS TO GROW AND EXPAND INSTANTLY. LOOK!

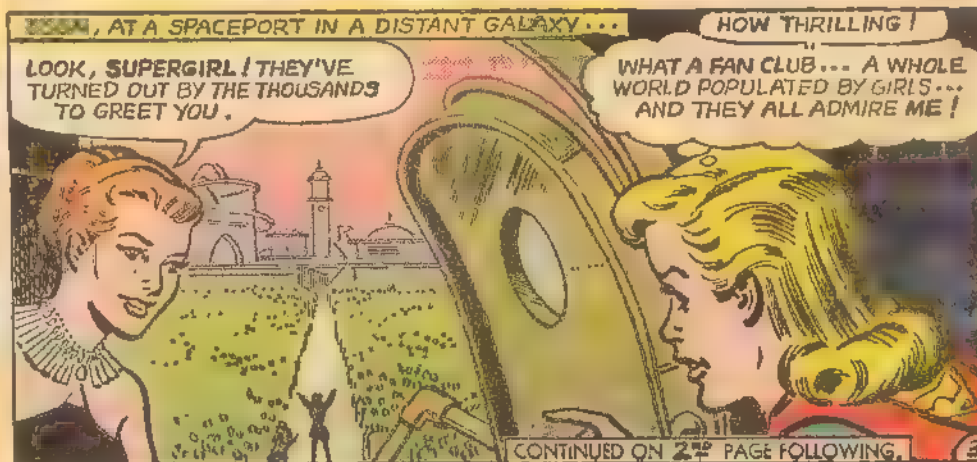
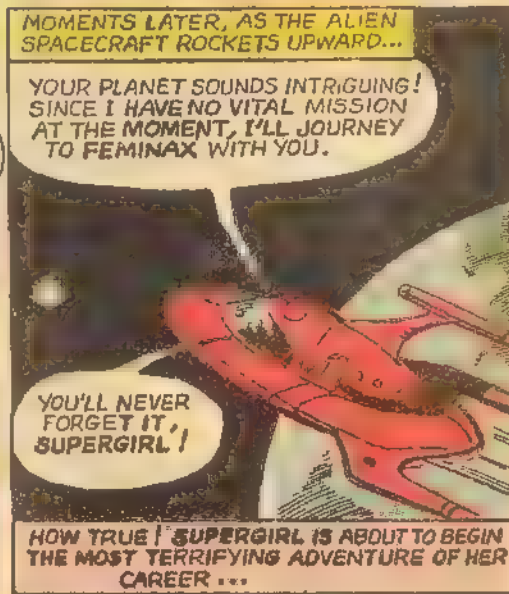
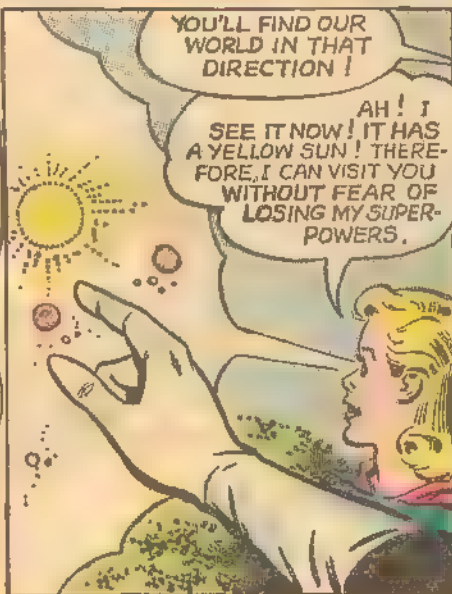
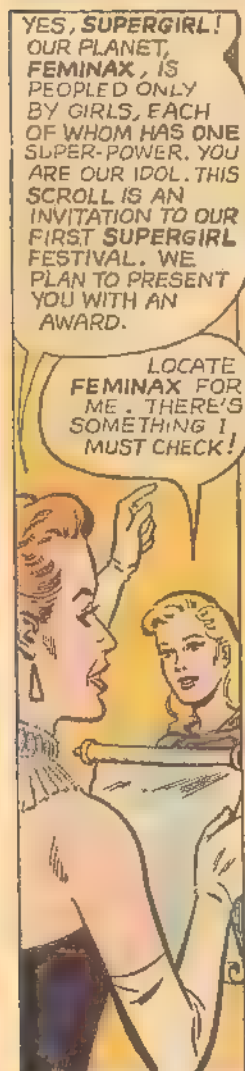
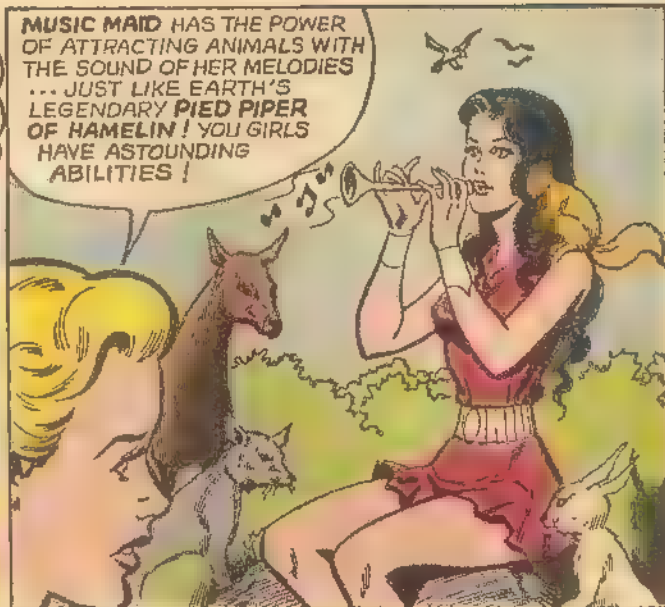
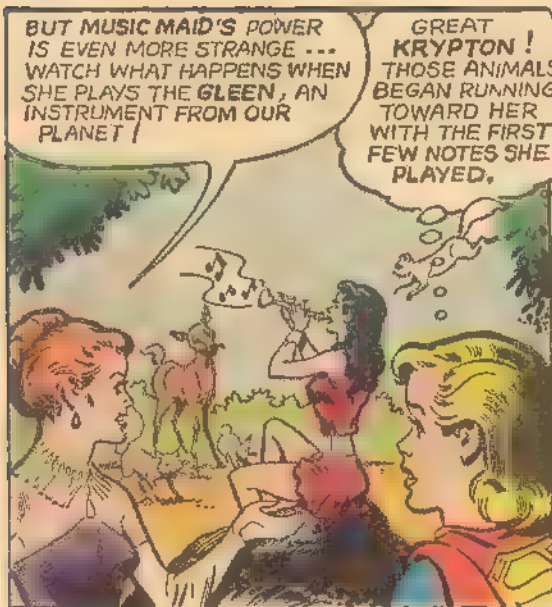
GASP! THAT GNARLED STUMP SUDDENLY SPROUTED A VIGOROUS BRANCH! WHAT AN AMAZING POWER!



ON OUR WORLD, EVERYONE HAS A SUPER-POWER. I'M **TIME GIRL**! I HAVE THE POWER TO MOVE TIME FORWARD OR BACK. LOOK AT THAT DISTANT STEEPLE!

WULP! A SIMPLE GESTURE AND TIME FLASHES BY!





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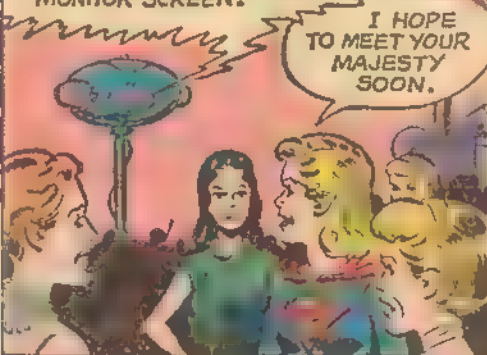
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THEN, A VOICE FROM A NEARBY TOWER...

WELCOME TO OUR PLANET, SUPERGIRL! THIS IS QUEEN RAVENNE OF FEMINAX, SPEAKING. SORRY THAT MY DUTIES PREVENT ME FROM GREETING YOU PERSONALLY, BUT I'M VIEWING YOUR ARRIVAL ON MY ROYAL MONITOR SCREEN.

I HOPE TO MEET YOUR MAJESTY SOON.



HOW I'VE LONGED FOR THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU FACE TO FACE! BUT MEANWHILE, LET MY SUBJECTS SHOW YOU HOW WE HONOR YOU ON FEMINAX.



SOON, AS THE WELCOME CER. MONY PROCEEDS...

THIS IS THE TOWER OF SUPER-BEINGS WHERE WE KEEP MEMENTICS OF ALL YOUR SUPER-FRIENDS.



HOW EXCITING! I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL I GO INSIDE.

BUT AS SUPERGIRL ENTERS THE HALL...



AND THIS IS A FILM TAKEN OF THE TIME KRYPTO WAS TRAPPED BY THE SUPER-FELINES ON CAT PLANET.

GASP! IT SEEMS SO REAL!



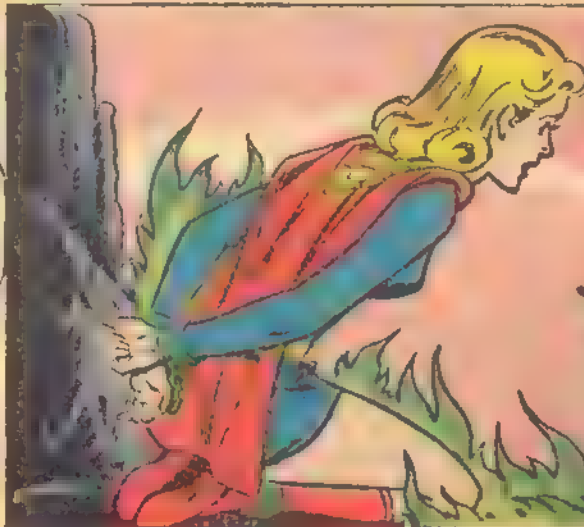
UHP! WHAT'S THIS? IT'S A STATUE OF SUPERMAN... BEGGING WITH A TIN CUP.

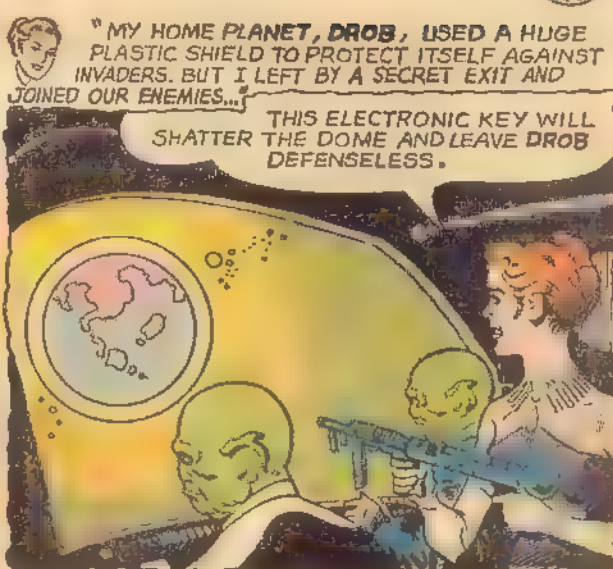
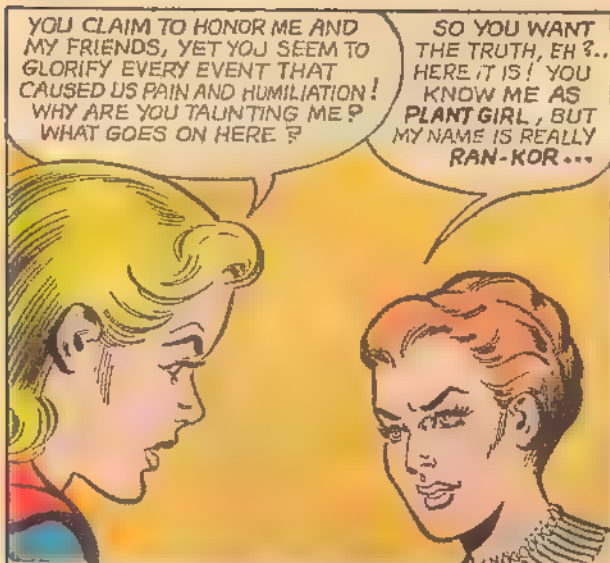
YES, THIS COMMEMORATES THE TIME SUPERMAN WAS STRUCK BLIND ON A WORLD WITH A RED SUN. WITHOUT HIS POWERS, HE WAS REDUCED TO BEGGARY.



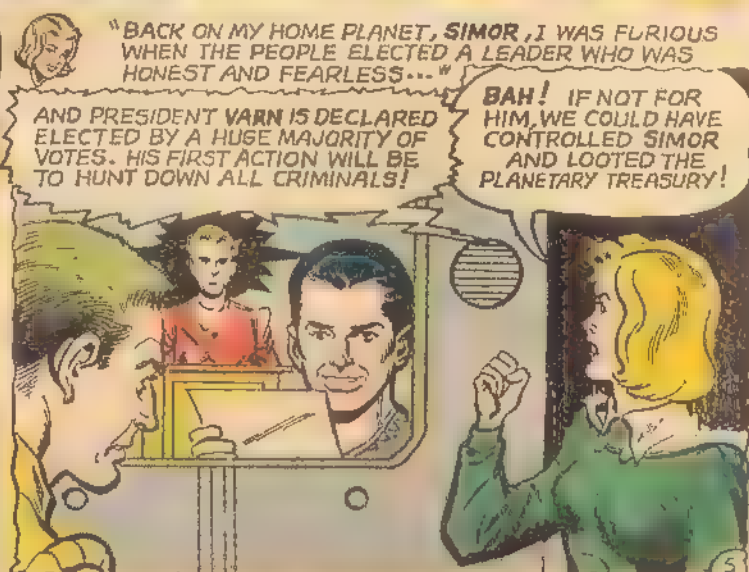
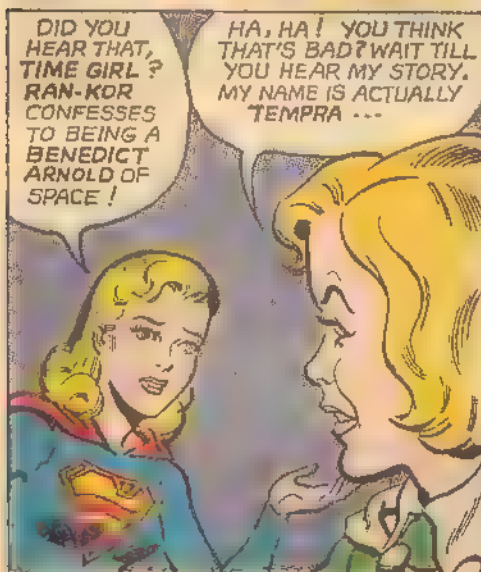
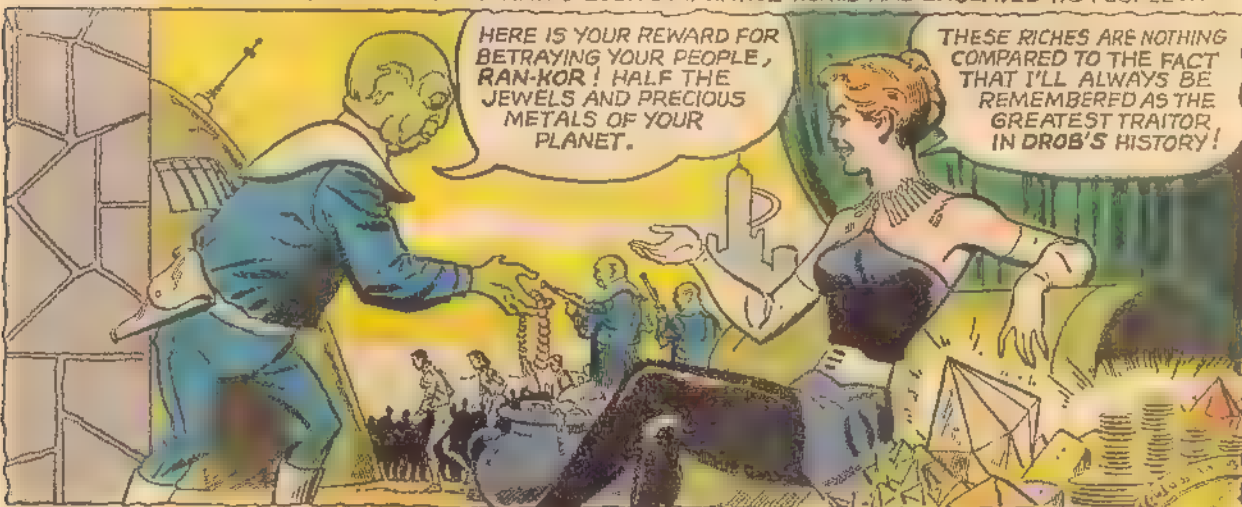
AND THIS STATUE RECALLS THE DAY WHEN BRAINIAC BOUND YOU WITH KRYPTONITE CHAINS AND USED ARTIFICIAL KRYPTONITE FLAMES, TRYING TO DESTROY YOU.

GROAN! I STILL RECALL THE AGONY OF THAT MOMENT.





"THE NEXT DAY, AS THE SPACE PIRATES LOOTED MY NATIVE WORLD AND ENSLAVED ITS PEOPLE..."



"BUT I HAD MY REVENGE. I APPEARED AT VARN'S INAUGURAL DISGUISED AS A TELE-MONITOR OPERATOR ..."

THIS FAKE CAMERA IS ACTUALLY A DISINTEGRATOR WHICH CAN SHATTER THE MOLECULES OF LIVING MATTER! DIE, VARN!

THEN YOU'RE A MURDERESS ... A MAD KILLER JUST LIKE THE ONE WHO ASSASSINATED OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON EARTH!

BUT HER NAME WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN ON THE PLANET SIMOR. YET I, WHOM YOU KNOW AS MUSIC MAID, TOPPED HER AS A VILLAINESS.

"MY NAME IS REALLY LATTORA. I WAS GUARDIAN OF THE WATERY MOON WHICH ILLUMINATED MY NATIVE PLANET AT NIGHT. BUT ..."

I'LL USE THE HYPER-HEAT COIL ON MY SPACECRAFT TO EVAPORATE THE WATERS OF THE MOON! THEN I'LL TAKE OVER AND RULE THIS PLANETOID.

"LATER, AFTER THE WATERS EVAPORATED ..."

I DESTROYED MANY INTELLIGENT FORMS OF UNDERWATER LIFE, BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER? FROM NOW ON, THIS MOON IS MINE!

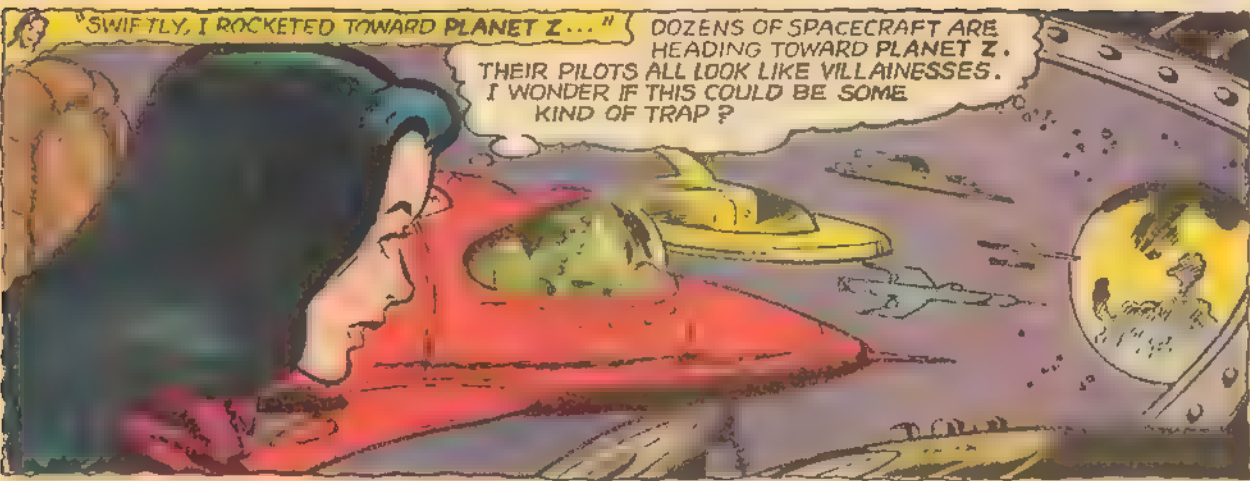
"THE PLANETARY COUNCIL OF MY NATIVE WORLD SENT ME INTO EXILE ..."

EVIL ONE, DEPART! NEVER RETURN TO OUR GALAXY ON PAIN OF DEATH!

BAH! I'LL FIND SOME OTHER WORLD WHERE I CAN PUT MY CRIMINAL TALENTS TO USE.

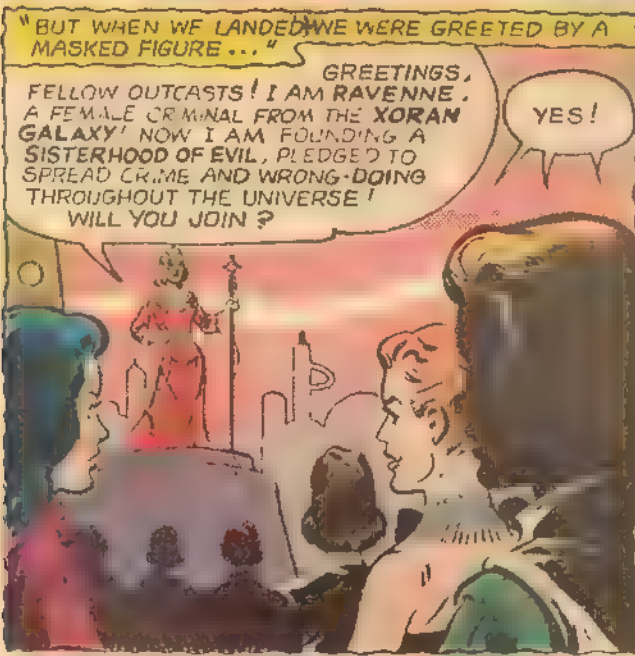
"THEN, ONE DAY, CAME A MESSAGE OVER MY RECEPTOR BEAM ..."

ATTENTION, ALL FEMALE SPACE CRIMINALS! ARE YOU AN OUTCAST? AN EXILE? THEN, COME TO PLANET Z -- IN SKY SECTOR OMEGA IX. WE HAVE USE FOR YOUR EVIL TALENTS. YOU WILL BE WELL REWARDED.



"SWIFTLY, I ROCKETED TOWARD PLANET Z..."

DOZENS OF SPACECRAFT ARE HEADING TOWARD PLANET Z. THEIR PILOTS ALL LOOK LIKE VILLAINESSES. I WONDER IF THIS COULD BE SOME KIND OF TRAP?



"BUT WHEN WE LANDED WE WERE GREETED BY A MASKED FIGURE..."

GREETINGS, FELLOW OUTCASTS! I AM RAVENNE, A FEMALE CRIMINAL FROM THE XORAN GALAXY! NOW I AM FOUNDING A SISTERHOOD OF EVIL, PLEDGED TO SPREAD CRIME AND WRONG-DOING THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE! WILL YOU JOIN?

YES!



"ONE BY ONE, WE TOOK THE DREAD OATH AS THE SISTERHOOD OF EVIL WATCHED..."

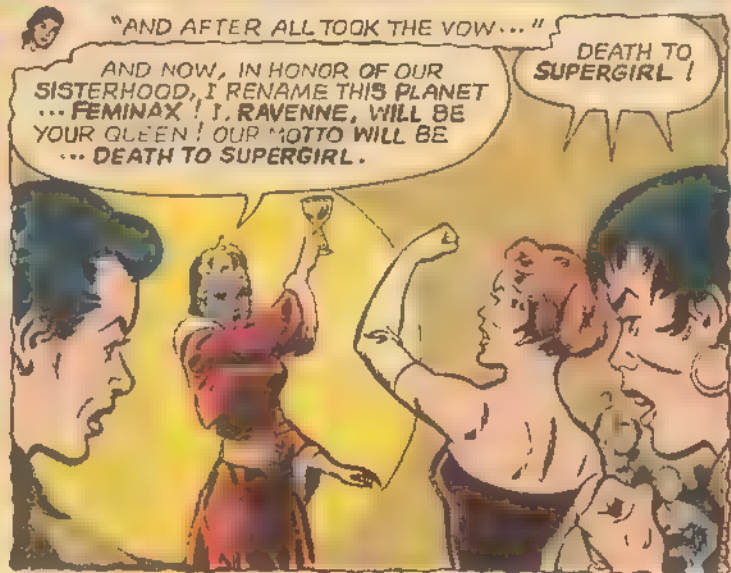
AND DO YOU, RAN-KOR, SWEAR ETERNAL ENMITY TO LAW AND ORDER? DO YOU ACCEPT THE SPECIAL TASK OF THE SISTERHOOD -- TO HUMILIATE, DEFEAT AND DESTROY SUPERGIRL?

I DO!



THEN DRINK FROM THE KRYPTONITE CUP! AND IF YOU FAIL, MAY DEATH BE YOUR FATE!

DEATH BE MY LOT IF I FAIL!



"AND AFTER ALL TOOK THE VOW..."

AND NOW, IN HONOR OF OUR SISTERHOOD, I RENAME THIS PLANET ... FEMINAX! I, RAVENNE, WILL BE YOUR QUEEN! OUR MOTTO WILL BE ... DEATH TO SUPERGIRL.

DEATH TO SUPERGIRL!

AS LAYTORA ENDS HER STORY...

I SEE! YOU'RE ALL EVIL, AND EACH OF YOU HAS A SUPER-POWER SUCH AS YOU SHOWED ME BACK ON EARTH.

THOSE POWERS WERE PART OF OUR ACT TO LURE YOU HERE TO FEMINAX. HA, HA! AS PLANT GIRL, I

PRETENDED TO HAVE THE SUPER-POWER TO MAKE THINGS GROW! ACTUALLY, THIS "ORNAMENT" ON MY NECKLACE EMITS A HYPER-RAY WHICH TEMPORARILY STIMULATES THE GROWTH OF PLANT CELLS.

MY "TIME CONTROL" ABILITY IS MERELY THE POWER OF THIS VIBRO-RING, WHOSE VIBRATIONS CAN SPEED UP ANY MECHANICAL DEVICE... SUCH AS A CLOCK.

AS MUSIC MAID, YOU THOUGHT MY MELODIES HAD THE POWER TO ATTRACT ANIMALS! IT WAS THIS HYPNO-FLUTE WHICH MESMERIZED THE CREATURES INTO COMING TO ME.

JUST THEN, A MYSTERIOUS, TAUNTING VOICE...

SUPergirl, WHAT A FOOL YOU WERE TO FALL FOR OUR SCHEME! HA, HA! YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE OUR CLUTCHES.

RAVENNE, THE EVIL QUEEN OF FEMINAX!... IF I COULD JUST LAY MY HANDS ON HER!... I'LL LOCATE HER WITH MY X-RAY VISION.

BUT TO SUPergirl'S AMAZEMENT...

GASP! SOME UNKNOWN FORCE HURLED ME THROUGH THE DOOR! IT MUST BE MY X-RAY VISION! IT BOUNCED OFF THE WALL AND STRUCK ME! BUT WHY? HOW?

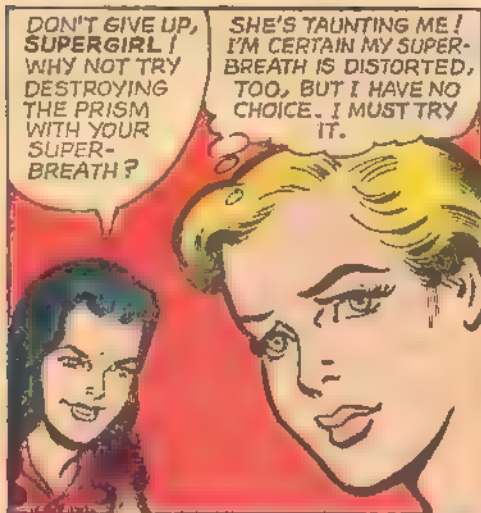
STUMPED, EH? WONDERING WHAT COULD BE AFFECTING YOUR SUPER-POWERS ON A WORLD WITH A YELLOW SUN?

IT'S THAT PRISM-JEWEL ON THE TOWER! IT FILTERS AND DISTORTS THE SUN'S RAYS, THUS WARPING YOUR SUPER-ABILITIES.

I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL STREAK UP AND DESTROY THE CRYSTAL...

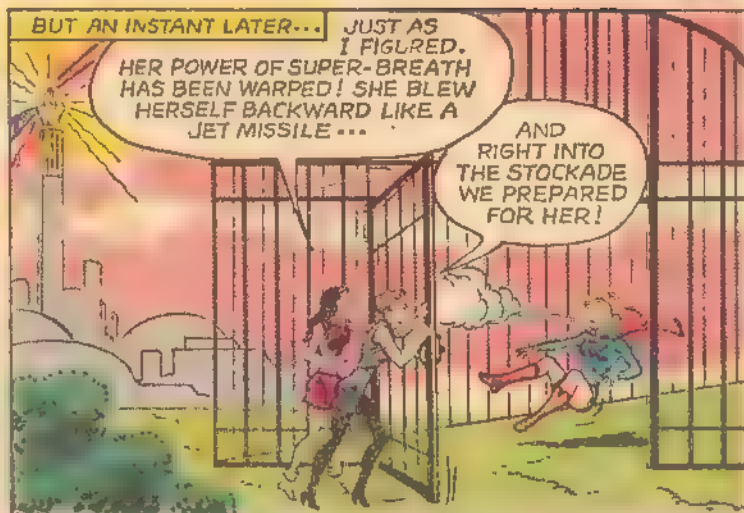
UPL! I CAN FLY, BUT I'M MERELY CIRCLING AROUND AND AROUND!

HA, HA!



DON'T GIVE UP, SUPERGIRL! WHY NOT TRY DESTROYING THE PRISM WITH YOUR SUPER-BREATH?

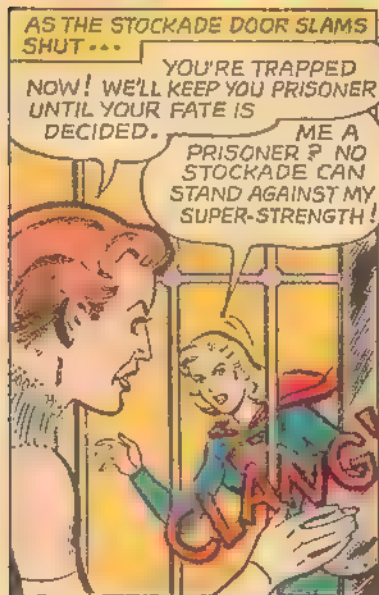
SHE'S TAUNTING ME! I'M CERTAIN MY SUPER-BREATH IS DISTORTED, TOO, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE. I MUST TRY IT.



BUT AN INSTANT LATER...

JUST AS I FIGURED. HER POWER OF SUPER-BREATH HAS BEEN WARPED! SHE BLEW HERSELF BACKWARD LIKE A JET MISSILE...

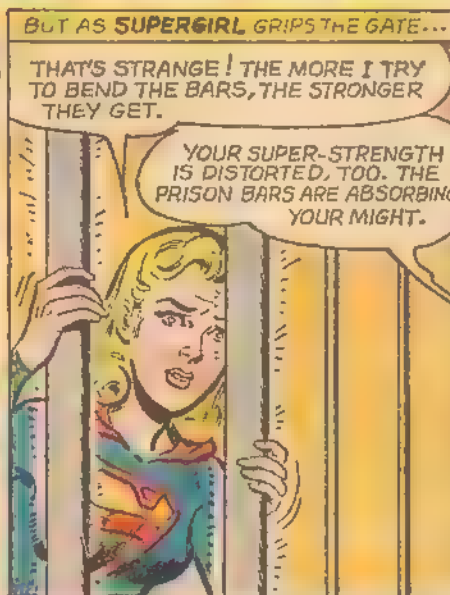
AND RIGHT INTO THE STOCKADE WE PREPARED FOR HER!



AS THE STOCKADE DOOR SLAMS SHUT...

YOU'RE TRAPPED NOW! WE'LL KEEP YOU PRISONER UNTIL YOUR FATE IS DECIDED.

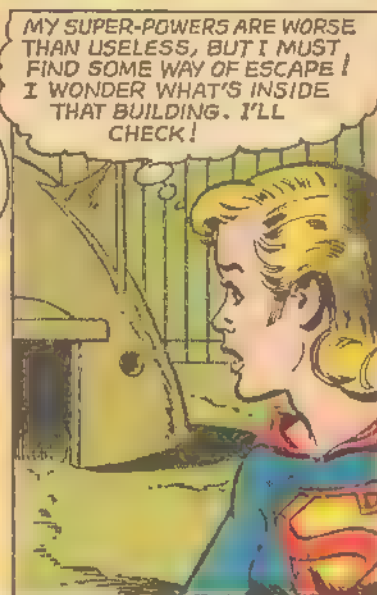
ME A PRISONER? NO STOCKADE CAN STAND AGAINST MY SUPER-STRENGTH!



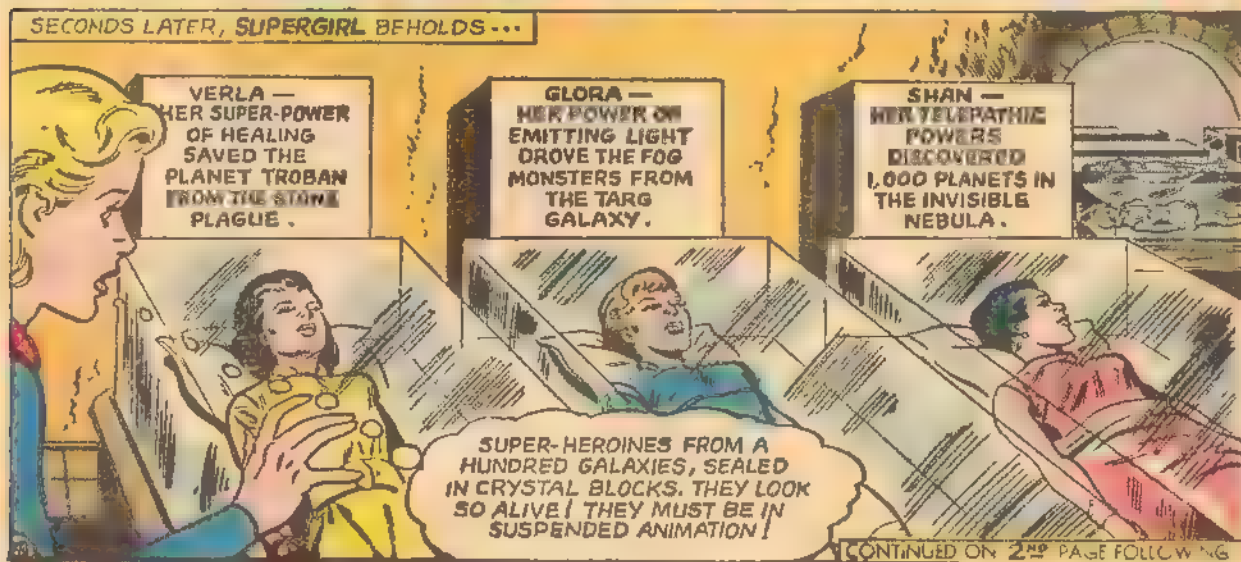
BUT AS SUPERGIRL GRIPS THE GATE...

THAT'S STRANGE! THE MORE I TRY TO BEND THE BARS, THE STRONGER THEY GET.

YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH IS DISTORTED, TOO. THE PRISON BARS ARE ABSORBING YOUR MIGHT.



MY SUPER-POWERS ARE WORSE THAN USELESS, BUT I MUST FIND SOME WAY OF ESCAPE! I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE THAT BUILDING. I'LL CHECK!



SECONDS LATER, SUPERGIRL BEHOLDS...

VERLA — HER SUPER-POWER OF HEALING SAVED THE PLANET TROBAN FROM THE STONE PLAGUE.

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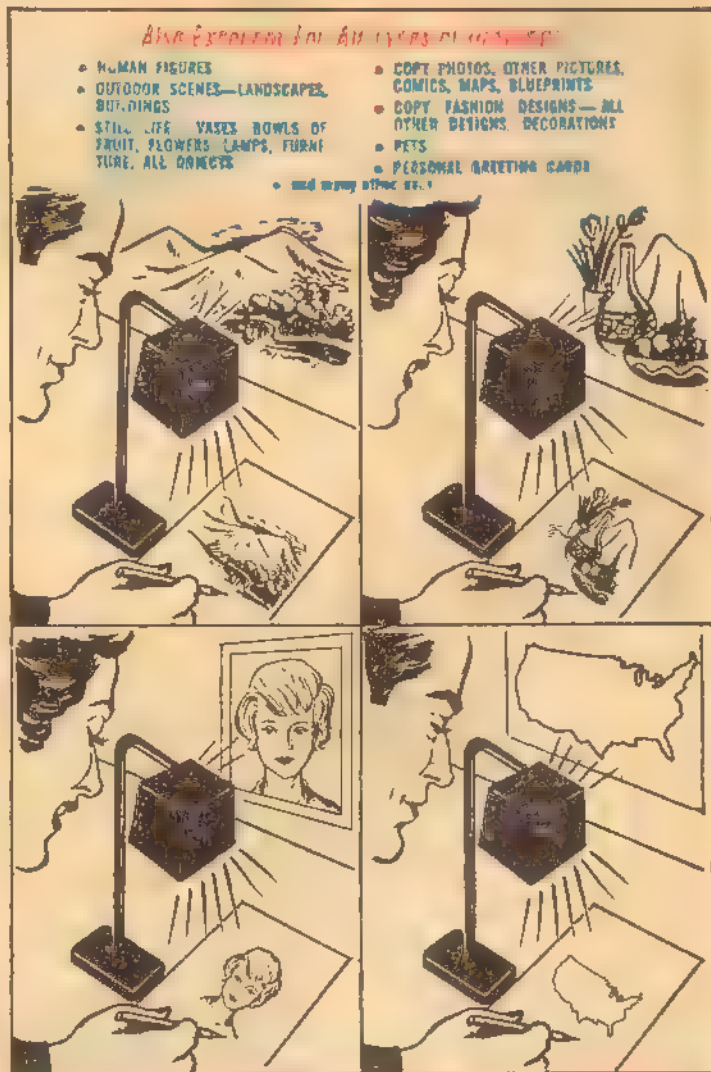
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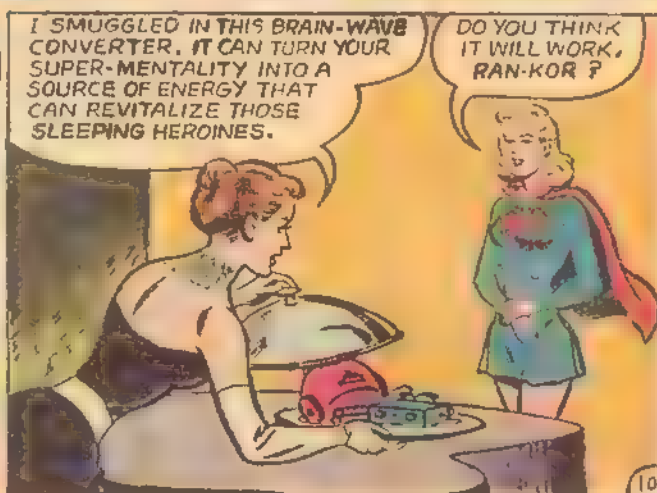
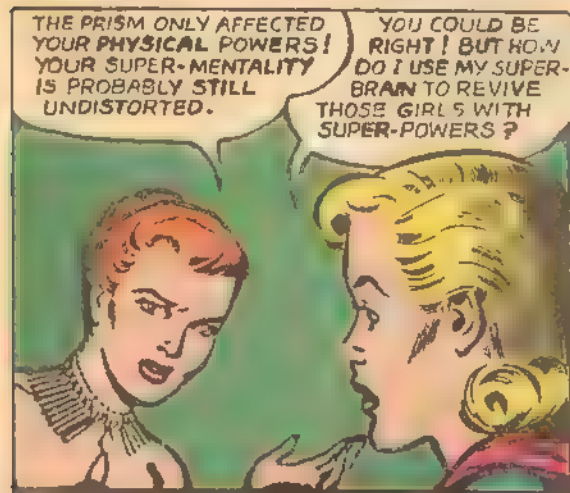
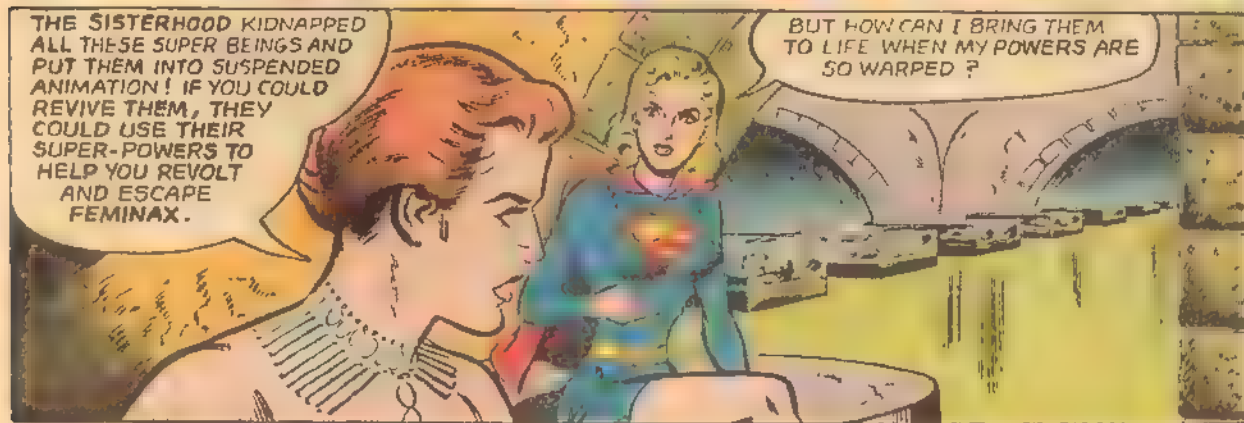
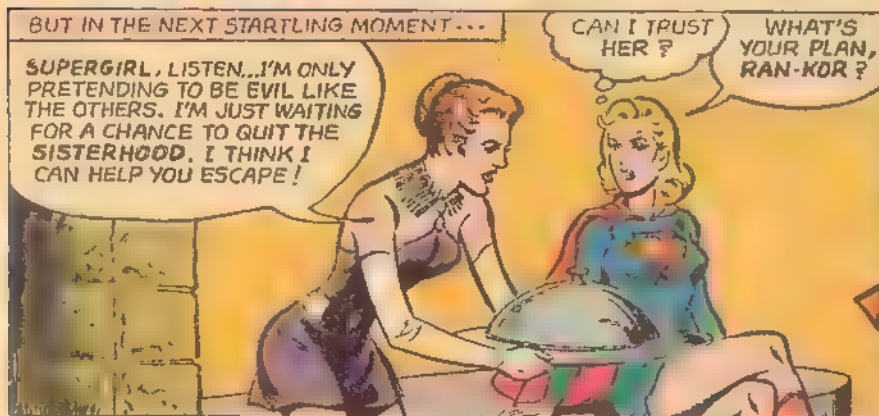
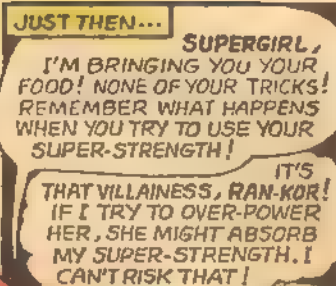
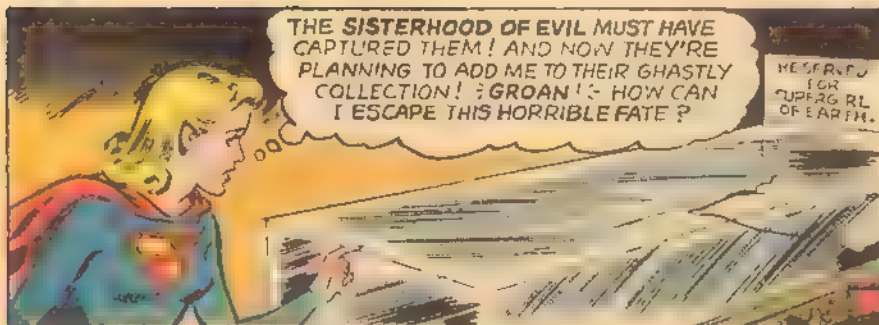
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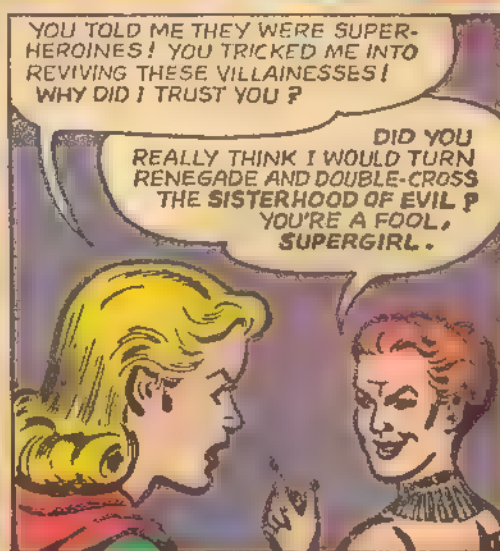
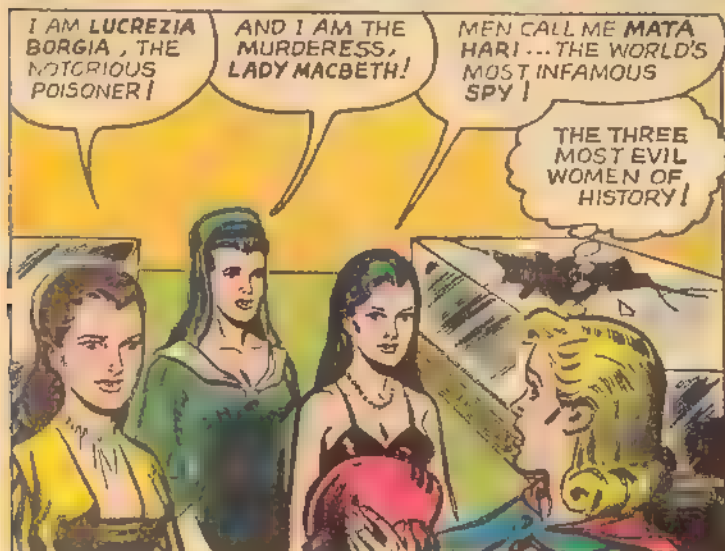
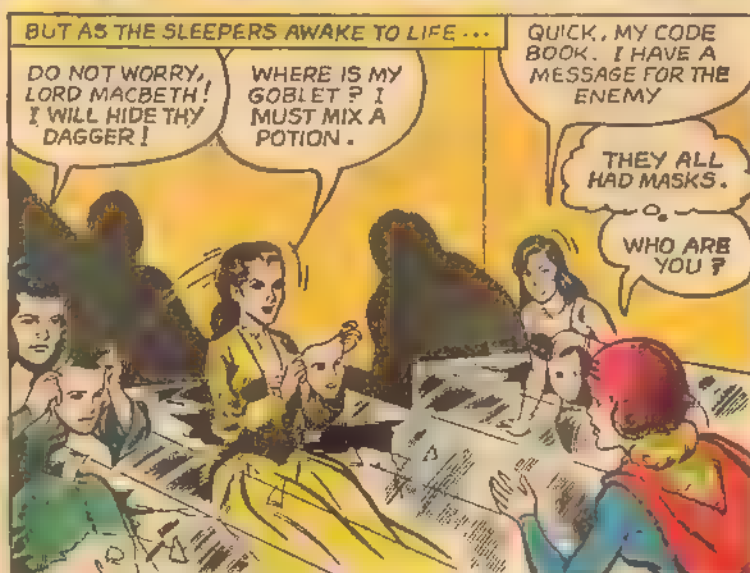
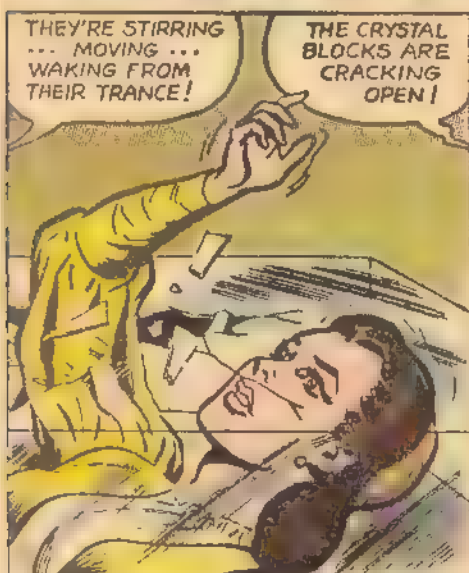
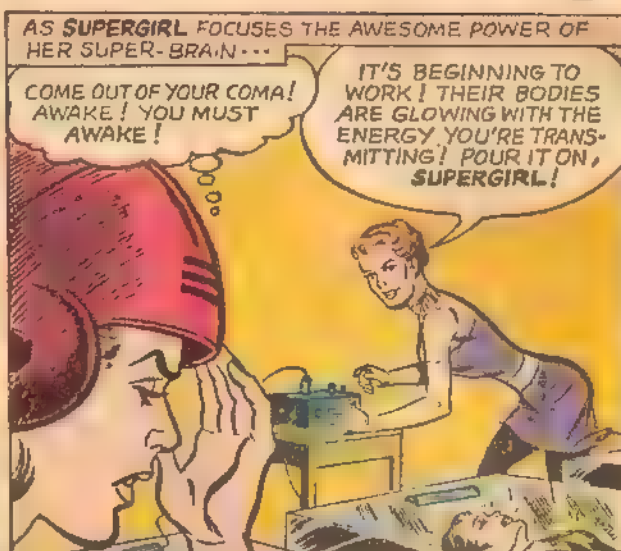
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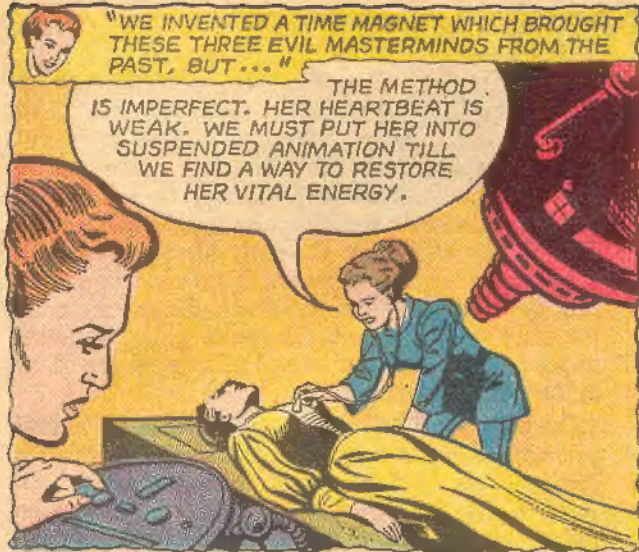
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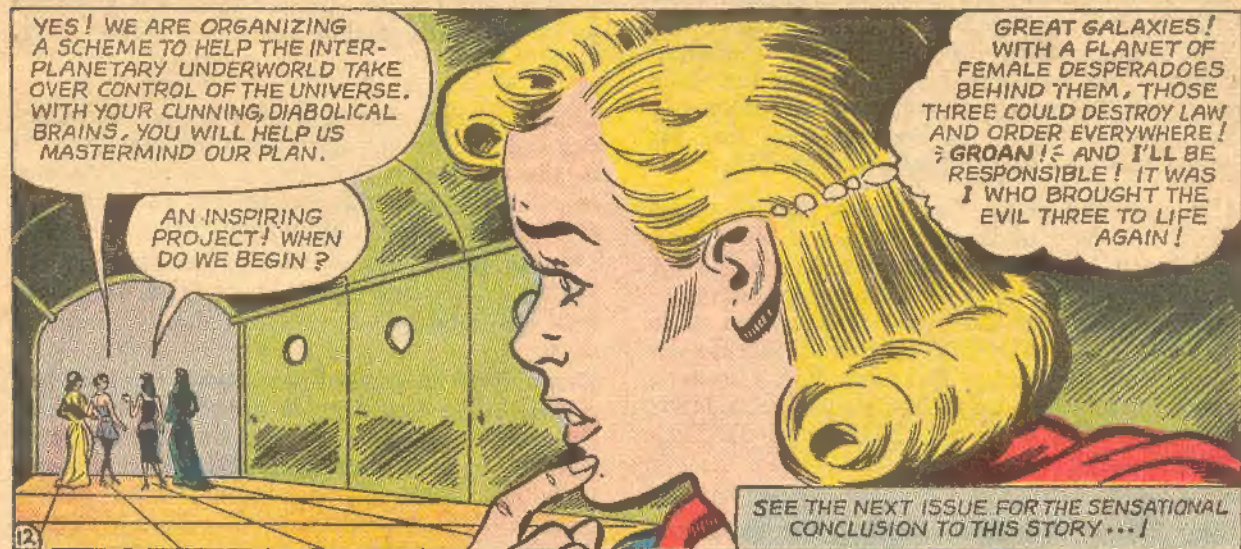
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Dear Editor: Thank you! "Supergirl Goes to College" was not only a great story, but the beginning of many others featuring her as a college student. I can't thank you enough for letting Supergirl grow up. I was a bit worried about her. It's one thing for Superman to be 28 years old for 26 years, but it's another thing when Supergirl stays 17 until DC goes out of business! —Irene Vartahoff, Bethesda, Md.

(Supergirl's growing up seems to be getting a good reaction from our readers. Who knows? If this catches on, even Little Orphan Annie may some day grow up! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I am writing to complain about the recent deaths in your magazines. First you killed off Bruce (Batman) Wayne's butler, Alfred. Then came Nor-Kan, Superman's Kandorian friend. Finally, you killed off Lex Luthor, the arch-criminal who has been in your comics for many years. Besides these, you recently made Bouncing Boy, of the Legion of Super-Heroes, lose his powers. Why? —Ralph Scott, Wayne, N.J.

(By now you know that Luthor wasn't really dead, but only under the influence of a drug which put him into a deathlike trance. As for Nor-Kan's death, we feel that occasional developments of this sort make our stories seem more realistic. Watch ADVENTURE COMICS for developments concerning Bouncing Boy. However, you'll have to take up Alfred's death with Julius Schwartz, who edits BATMAN and DETECTIVE. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I've been watching the Superman TV show for some time and I feel the opening downgrades the Man of Steel. "Faster than a

speeding bullet," they say. But Superman can go faster than *light*! And then, "More powerful than a locomotive!" Why, Superman's more powerful than a hydrogen bomb! He can move whole planets with one finger! Finally, they tell you he can "leap tall buildings at a single bound!" This is like saying an Olympic high-jump champion can play hop-scotch! After all, Superman can fly through space and reach distant parts of the universe in seconds. If you're going to boast about his powers, why not go all the way? —Lew Selden, New York, N.Y.

(The Superman TV shows were all filmed several years ago and the opening was already traditional, having been used on the Superman radio broadcasts, which started in 1940. Had it been written today, we wouldn't dream of underrating our hero in this fashion. But we guess the guy who wrote that introduction just didn't like to brag. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I spotted a mistake in "The Condemned Superman." On page 5, one of the faces in the courtroom is Luthor's, although he was in a state of suspended animation and supposed to be dead. —Dave Macartney, Lakeview, N.Y. (You're right—one of the spectators does resemble our hairless villain. Looks like we got all bald up! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In some of your stories you have had a Look-Alike Squad made up of doubles of all Superman's friends from the tiny bottle-city of Kandor. Isn't it a remarkable coincidence that one little city from Krypton would have perfect doubles of *all* these characters? —Brad Williams, San Francisco, Calif.

(Yes. Small world, isn't it? —Ed.)

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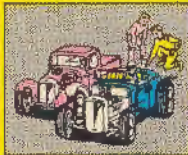
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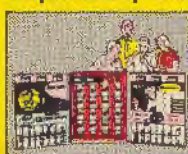
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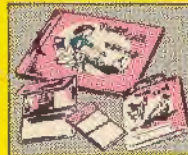
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